

May 22, 2023

Dr. Sean Hancock
President
Cerro Coso Community College
3000 College Heights Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Dear President Hancock:

The Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges met May 22, 2023, to review the Substantive Change Application from Cerro Coso Community College to offer:

- New Program: Cyber Security Technology (BS)

The Committee acted to **approve** the substantive change.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that the College undertook to prepare this Application for Substantive Change. The Commission encourages the College's continued work to ensure educational quality and to support student success.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me. We will be glad to help you.

Sincerely,



Kevin Bontenbal, Ed.D.
Vice President

Cc: Dr. Corey Marvin, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Ms. Martina Fernandez-Rosario, U.S. Department of Education



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October 13, 2023

President Sean Hancock
Cerro Coso College
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Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Dear President Hancock,

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) recently concluded the cycle three baccalaureate degree program (BDP) application program compliance and quality review process (see the scoring rubric for further details). The CCCCCO is pleased to announce that Cerro Coso College's proposed BDP in Cyber Security Technology has been granted **provisional approval** status.

A program is provisionally approved based on the criteria listed below:

- 1) Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Approval: Your proposed program has ACCJC approval.
- 2) Program Quality Review: Your college has passed the CCCCCO program quality review, including legislated requirements.
- 3) Program Duplication Review: Your program is pending intersegmental program duplication review.
- 4) Board of Governors (BOG) Approval: Your program has not yet received BOG approval.

Your program can move from **provisional approval** to full approval after it is reviewed by intersegmental partners and approved by the Board of Governors President (presented to the full BOG). The following outlines the next steps:

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| October | Program content information is provided to the 3 segments. |
| November | Intersegmental partners conduct internal analysis and complete their program duplication forms (30 working days). |



- November CCCCO will review and analyze forms and evidence submitted and forward to applicants for response.
- December Objecting segments and programs meet with CCCCO and program faculty/leads to consult if needed.
- December Written agreements are drafted and discussed.
- January Signed agreements are finalized and cycle 3 is concluded.

It is anticipated your program will be submitted to the BOG President for approval in November and will be presented to the full BOG at their January or March meeting (this is a tentative schedule subject to change).

For more information, including feedback on your application, please review the attached scoring summary sheet.

Please direct any questions or concerns you may have about your application status to BDP@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

John Stankas, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs
Equitable Student Learning, Experience, and Impact Office

Attachments (2):

1. BDP Application Scoring Summary Sheet
2. BDP Application Scoring Rubric