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June 30, 2009

Dr. Raul Rodriguez
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Dear President Rodriguez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2009, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Friday, April 24, 2009. The Commission took action to **accept the report, remove Probation and reaffirm accreditation** with a requirement that the College complete a Focused Midterm Report by **March 15, 2011**. The report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations for improvement and forecast where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. The report also includes a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report.

The Focused Midterm Report should address all the Evaluation Team Report recommendations and demonstrate resolution of the recommendations below:

Recommendation 1: The team recommends that the Board of Trustees develops a systematic process to review and revise existing Board policies, establishes and adheres to an acceptable code of ethics (Standard IVB.1; IVB.1.a; IVB. 1. b-h).

Recommendation 2: The visiting team recommends that the Board of Trustees establishes and monitors itself as a policy-making body, reaffirms delegation of operational authority to the Superintendent/President, and actively supports the authority of management for the administration of the college (Standard IVB; IVB.1.e).

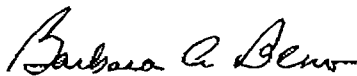
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Recommendation 3: The visiting team recommends that the college decisively address the development and implementation of a comprehensive Strategic Plan closely focused on assessing institutional effectiveness. A systematic, continuous cycle of feedback and evaluative improvement must be critically and deliberately developed and put into effect. This Strategic Plan must incorporate student learning outcomes within all institutional efforts, resource allocations, and be supported by program and service reviews and research data. Educational, fiscal, technological, physical, and human resources should be considered and integrated. As a whole, the planning document should also identify short- and long-term directions for the College, timelines for implementation, the individuals responsible for each area, monitoring and follow-up strategies, and expected outcomes.

The Follow-Up Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the College library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Dr. Kathleen Hart, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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