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July 2, 2012

Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez
Superintendent/President
MiraCosta College
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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 6-8, 2012, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the MiraCosta College, the report of the evaluation team which visited Monday, April 9, 2012, and your presentation at the Commission meeting. The Commission took action to remove Probation and reaffirm accreditation.

In its discussion the Commission noted that MiraCosta College has done a thorough job responding to Commission recommendations. It has completed another cycle of program review and systematized its methodology for the reviews, and completed substantial work on the assessment of learning in preparation for the March 2013 report due to the Commission. The Commission anticipates that the professional commitment to internal quality assurance that MiraCosta College has now demonstrated will be maintained and enhanced over the coming years.

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 the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the College's Follow-Up Report, the Follow-Up Visit Report, and the Commission action letter be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the College website can accomplish this.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. MiraCosta College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2013**.¹ Midterm Reports provide evidence of resolution or implementation for each recommendation made by the last comprehensive evaluation team, and demonstrate that the institution has sustained any practices required to come into compliance with Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies. The Midterm Report should also include a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report.

Dr. Francisco C. Rodriguez
MiraCosta College
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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,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Bob Pacheco, Accreditation Liaison Officer
President, Board of Trustees, MiraCosta Community College District
Dr. Jan Muto, Team Chair

¹ Institutions that will be preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission*. It contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: (<http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc>).