June 30, 2011

Dr. J. Laurel Jones
President
Mission College
3000 Mission College Blvd
Santa Clara CA 95054

Dear President Jones:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Mission College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the comprehensive evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the Self Study Report.

The Commission noted that Mission College provided ample evidence that it has linked resource allocation to the program review and planning process and will continue to enhance the process as needed; established and implemented a schedule for systematically reviewing the mission and values statements; has developed 100% of degree and certificate SLOs and will begin the process of assessment this spring; has expanded its research capacity with the establishment of a new, director-level position supported by a research technician which has led to increased availability of data on the research and planning web page; has adopted a Staff/Faculty Diversity Plan and worked with the Associated Student Body to design and co-sponsor diversity activities; implemented changes to the organizational structure that address issues of effective administrative support and oversight; has included classified staff in the institutional Governance and Planning Council and developed training on participatory governance; developed and implemented a plan to build revenues and ensure continued fiscal stability through, in part, the restoration of FTES; has engaged in dialog between the governing board and the district about appropriate governance roles; and has begun the process of establishing district-wide goals in line with the goals of both district colleges.

Institutions are expected to meet Accreditation Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. This will be confirmed at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.
The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. 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 Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the College web site can accomplish this.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Mission College will occur in Spring 2014.

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 integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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President

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cc: Mr. John Hendrickson, Chancellor, West Valley-Mission Community College District
    Dr. Norma Ambriz-Galaviz, Accreditation Liaison Officer
    Board President, West Valley-Mission Community College District