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Dr. Jan Muto
President
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Dear President Muto:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Riverside City College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Monday, October 19-Tuesday, Oct 20, 2009. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team were addressed by the institution. The Commission took action to accept the report.

The Commission also acted to issue a **Warning** and to ask that Riverside City College correct the deficiencies noted. The college is required to complete a Follow-Up Report by **October 15, 2010**. The report will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.

A Warning is issued when the Commission finds that an institution has pursued a course of action which deviates from the Commission's eligibility criteria, standards of accreditation, or policy to an extent that raises a concern regarding the ability of the institution to meet accreditation standards. The accredited status of the institution continues during the Warning period.

The Follow-Up Report of October 15, 2010 should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendation below:

College Recommendation 1: *Institutional Commitments and Evaluation, Planning, and Improvement* The team recommends that the college reframe its mission to be comprehensive, including educational goals that may be fulfilled at the college and a description of the primary student population for which the college is designing programs (Standard IA).

- The team further recommends that the college clarify the ways in which the strategic plan aligns with the college mission statement, links to the strategic goals, drives budget allocation, and ensures the distribution of technology and human resources (Standard III.D.1).

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- The team also recommends that the college develop a process of integrating program review with institutional goals, complete the implementation of the planning process, assess that process, and communicate the results of that assessment to all constituents in order to promote institutional effectiveness and identify areas for improvement (Standards IB.2, IB.3, IIB.4, and IIID.3).

I wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. The Commission has extended the time to correct this deficiency but requires Riverside City College to correct the deficiencies noted by the time of the next report and visit. This recommendation was first issued in fall 2007, so the two-year time limit is up.

With regard to this recommendation, the Commission notes that Riverside City College has made the successful transition from a single-college district with two centers to a three-college district. The Commission recognizes the considerable effort the district has undertaken to accomplish this and the significant work that lies ahead as Riverside City College adjusts to its new role and structures as a college within a multi college district.

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 Chancellor, 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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