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Mr. Peter Garcia
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Dear President Garcia:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2011, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Thursday, November 18, 2010. The Commission acted to remove Probation and reaffirm accreditation. The Commission is pleased to note that the College has resolved the College Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 7, and that the College and the District have resolved District Recommendation 8 (Recommendation 1 for the other two District Colleges), as identified in the Commission's action letter of February 3, 2009.

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.

Diablo Valley College is required to submit a Focused Midterm Report by **October 15, 2011**. The College should ensure that its report demonstrates the resolution of District Recommendations 2, 3 and 4, as per the Commission's February 3, 2009 action letter.

District Recommendation 2: (Recommendation 9 in the DVC Team Report)

In order to meet the standard, the district should establish a written code of professional ethics which includes managers. (III.A.1.d)

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District Recommendation 3: (Recommendation 10 in the DVC Team Report)

In order to meet the standard, the district should integrate student learning outcomes into the evaluation process for those who have a direct responsibility for student progress toward achieving student learning outcomes. (IIIA1c)

District Recommendation 4: (Recommendation 11 in the DVC Team Report)

In order to meet standards, the district should develop a policy and implement procedures for evaluating the effectiveness of the district's administrative organization, the delineation of responsibilities of the district and the colleges, and the governance and decision making structures. The results should be widely communicated and used as a basis for improvement. (IV.A, IV.A.1, IV.A.2, IV.A.3, IV.B.3, IV.B.3.a, IV.B.3.b, IV.B.3.e, IV.B.3.f, IV.B.3.g)

Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet standards that require the identification and assessment of student learning outcomes, and the use of assessment data to plan and implement improvements to educational quality, by fall 2012. The Commission reminds Diablo Valley College that it must be prepared to demonstrate that it meets these standards by fall 2012 (Standards I.B.1, II.A.2.e, II.A.2.f, II.B.4, II.C.2 and III.A.1.c).

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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