June 30, 2008

Dr. Fran White
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Dear President White:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 4-6, 2008, reviewed the Progress Report submitted by College of Marin and the report of the evaluation team which visited on Tuesday, April 1, 2008. The Commission took action to accept the report, remove the College from Probation, and reaffirm accreditation. The Commission also took action to require the College of Marin to complete a Report by March 15, 2009.

The Commission requires that the Report of March 15, 2009 demonstrate the institution’s resolution of the recommendation noted below:

**Recommendation 3:** The College implement, by January 2006, an institutional planning process based on agreed upon institutional values, a redefined mission, and measurable outcomes, that is strategic, systematic, data-driven, evidence based, focused on student learning and holds responsible parties accountable for actions and timelines. The planning process must integrate institutional effectiveness and program review processes to inform educational master planning, facilities master planning, technology planning, student learning and services programs development and revision, and resource allocation. To ensure effective and sustainable plans and informed decision-making, the College must assess its current organizational structure and use of resources to create and support a culture of evidence, research, and data. (Standards I.B.1, I.B.2, I.B.3, I.B.4, I.B.6, I.B.7, II.A.1a, II.A.2e, II.A.2f, II.A.6b, II.B.4, II.C.2)

I also 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 including possible termination of accreditation. While recommendations identified as deficiencies were also noted by the year 2004 evaluation team, the Commission has extended College of Marin’s time to correct these deficiencies for good cause.
The College has made substantial and weighty progress in resolving this recommendation and other institutional issues that led to this deficiency, and must now complete the process of using its assessments to inform planning and demonstrate that changes in educational and institutional effectiveness are implemented.

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. The Progress Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation.

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

Sincerely,

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President

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