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September 2, 2011

Dr. David Coon
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Dear President Coon:

At the meeting of January 11-13, 2011, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges took action with regard to College of Marin, which included a Follow-Up Report and visit. This letter will confirm that the visit will take place Monday, October 31, 2011. Please send copies of the institutional Follow-Up Report to the team.

The team roster is attached. Should any member of this team represent a conflict of interest or otherwise warrant attention, please contact me promptly. The team will devote its attentions primarily to the matters that are identified in the Action Letter (attached) and to which the report is directed. You will be hearing from the team chair to discuss the visit and take care of any logistical matters that might be involved.

Upon completion of the visit, the Team Chair will prepare a short report which will be presented to the Commission at its meeting in January 10-12, 2012. Soon after the meeting the College will be informed of the action taken by the Commission. I must remind you that after the visit the College will be billed for the visit itself (direct costs plus fifteen percent for office overhead).

Thank you for all of your work in support of accreditation processes. Quality assurance, institutional effectiveness and ongoing improvement can only result with the kind of special efforts that you and College of Marin are making.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Chialin Hsieh, Accreditation Liaison Officer

Enclosure: Action Letter, Team Roster

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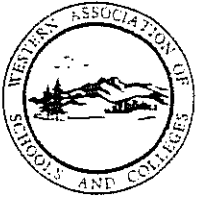
College of Marin
Follow-Up Report and Visit
Monday, October 31, 2011

You are reminded to send the Report to each team member prior to the visit in addition to one electronic copy and three hard copies of the Follow-Up Report to the Commission office.

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January 31, 2011

Dr. David Coon
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Dear President Coon:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2011, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited College of Marin Monday, October 25-Thursday, October 28, 2010. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that the College complete a Follow-Up Report. The report will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.

The Commission asks that the Follow-Up Report be submitted by **October 15, 2011**. The Follow-Up Report should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendations as noted below:

Recommendation #1

In order to meet standards, the team recommends that the college regularly update all institutional plans and systematically evaluate the effectiveness of all planning and resource allocation processes. The college should communicate to all college stakeholders the results of these assessment activities, and implement identified improvements on a continuous basis to support and improve student learning. Additionally, the team recommends that the college ensure that planning is linked to budgeting for the effective use of its resources. (I.B; I.B.6; I.B.7; III.D.1.a; III.D.3)

Recommendation #2

In order to meet the Commission's fall 2012 deadline, the team recommends that the college accelerate its efforts to identify and assess measurable student learning outcomes for every instructional, library and student support program. The team further recommends that the college incorporate student learning outcome assessment results into program planning and resource allocation for the improvement of student learning. (II.A.1.a; II.A.1.c; II.A.2.f; II.A.3.a,b; II.B.4; II.C.2)

Recommendation #3

In order to meet standards, the team recommends that the college allocate resources to create a sustainable infrastructure to support a distance education program that can deliver high quality curricula and support student access and success. (II.A.1.b; II.A.2.d; II.B.3.a; III.C.1)

Dr. David Coon
College of Marin
January 31, 2011
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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. College of Marin must correct the deficiencies noted by October 15, 2012 or the Commission will be compelled to act.

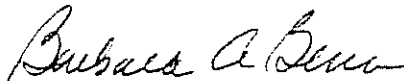
I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the Evaluation Team Report and this letter dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your institutional Self Study Report. This group should include campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Evaluation Team Report and the Self Study Report 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.

The recommendations contained in the Evaluation Team Report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that while an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the team report, the College is expected to use the Evaluation Team Report to improve educational programs and services and to resolve issues identified by the Commission.

The College conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission requires that the plans for improvement of the institution included in its self study efforts be used to support the continuing improvement of College of Marin.

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,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Chialin Hsieh, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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Dr. Jose Ortiz, Team Chair