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Dr. Terrence Burgess
President
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Dear President Burgess:

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 San Diego City College Monday, October 11-Thursday, October 14, 2010. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that the College complete a Follow-Up Report.

The Commission asks that the Follow-Up Report be submitted by **March 15, 2011**. The Follow-Up Report should demonstrate and provide evidence that the institution has resolved the recommendation as noted below:

Recommendation 1:

To fully meet the standards, the college needs to further integrate and evaluate all planning, including but not limited to technology, library and learning support services, and resource allocation, into the college's master planning process to support continuous quality improvement and institutional effectiveness (I.B.3; II.C.1).

Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet Accreditation 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 San Diego City 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).

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. San Diego City College must correct the deficiencies noted by October 15, 2011 or the Commission will be compelled to act.

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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 appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College Self Study Report. This group should include the Chancellor, 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 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 suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in that document be taken into account in the continuing improvement of San Diego City College.

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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