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June 30, 2008

Mr. John Hendrickson
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Dear President Hendrickson:

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 the College and the report of the evaluation team which visited on Wednesday, May 7 and Thursday, May 8, 2008. The Commission took action to accept the report and continue Mira Costa College on **Warning**. The Commission also took action to require the College to complete a Report by **March 1, 2009**. That Report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives. In addition, Commission representatives will contact the College in early fall, 2008, to arrange a meeting with the new interim president and board president to discuss Commission concerns.

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 to terminate accreditation. Mira Costa College must correct the deficiencies noted by **June 2009**.

The Report of **March 1, 2009** must demonstrate the institution's full resolution of the recommendations below:

Recommendation 2: The team recommends that the governing board and College constituent groups engage in a dialogue focused upon identifying and achieving mutual interests central to ensuring a participative governance climate consistent with the College mission, vision and values. (Standards IV.A.1, Iv.A.2.a, IV.A.3)

Recommendation 3: The team recommends that the governing board establish a comprehensive governing board development plan that builds a shared understanding of board roles and responsibilities, that leads to common agreement about the rules, regulations, and protocols under which the board operates, and that creates a framework that allows the board to operate in a unified manner. (Standards IV.B.1.a, IV.B.1.e, IV.B.1.f, IV.B.1.g)

At the time of the March 1, 2009 report, the College is also required to demonstrate considerable progress toward resolution of the following recommendation:

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Recommendation 1: The team recommends that the following items of evidence be in place at the time of the next accreditation visit:

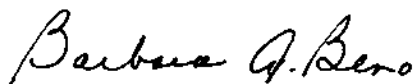
- Evidence that the process of establishing student learning outcomes at all course and program levels has been completed;
- Evidence that assessment of student learning course and program outcomes is being conducted;
- Evidence that students are achieving stated learning outcomes;
- Evidence that the assessment and evaluation results are used for the improvement of student learning. (Standards II.A.1.a, II.A.1.c, II.A.2.e, II.A.2.f)

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 report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

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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cc: Dr. Richard J. Robertson, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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