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Dr. Debra Daniels
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Dear President Daniels:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 7-9, 2009, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited San Bernardino Valley College on Monday, October 6-Thursday, October 9, 2008. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that the college complete a Follow-Up Report.

The Commission requires that the Follow-Up Report be submitted by **October 15, 2010**. The Follow-Up Report should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendations and concerns as noted below:

Recommendation 5: In order to meet the standards, the team recommends that faculty and others directly responsible for student progress toward achieving stated student learning outcomes have, as a component of their evaluation, effectiveness in producing those learning outcomes. (Standard III.A.1.c)

Recommendation 6: In order to meet the standards, the team recommends that the board of trustees and the chancellor, in consultation with the leadership of the college campuses, develop a strategy for addressing some significant issues raised by each college and verified in interviews with staff in the following area; namely:

- a. The development of an appropriate and clearly communicated process for reviewing all district functions and processes using a program review model. (Standard IV.B.3.a, b)
- b. The development of a formal and regularly evaluated district strategic plan that both acknowledges input and aligns with the college's educational plan and serves as a guide for planning at the college level. (Standard I.B.3; Standard IV.B.3.g)

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- c. The development of a coordinated strategic plan for technology that is responsive to the colleges and assists them in the daily management of the college functions, including the monitoring, assessing and use of financial information. (Standard I.B.2, 4, 5, 6; Standard IV.B.3.b; Standard III.C.1.a, c; Standard III.C.2)
- d. The development of a long range human resources plan to assist the colleges in planning and prioritizing the need for full-time faculty and staff. (Standard III.A.1.b, c; Standard III.A.6)

Commission Recommendation 1: The district's resource allocation process needs to be clarified and communicated to both colleges within the district. (Standard III.A.6, III.B.2.a, b, III.C.2, III.D.1.d, III.D.3, IV.3.a, c, d, f, g)

I also wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action including possible termination of accreditation.

A **final copy** of the team report is attached. Please discard any earlier versions you may have. The Commission requires you to give the 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 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 the report electronically to place on your web site or for some other purpose, 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 report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. San Bernardino Valley College should submit the Midterm Report by **October 15, 2011**. The Commission will send a reminder to the college about the Midterm Report; a description of reporting requirements can be found on the Commission's website.

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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 development of San Bernardino Valley College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during **Fall 2014**.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to remind you that federal legislation affecting accrediting agencies requires that accredited colleges conduct systematic assessment of educational outcomes (see especially Standards One and Two). A further requirement is that accrediting agencies pay close attention to student loan default rates.

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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