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Dr. Douglas Garrison
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Dear President Garrison:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2010, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Monterey Peninsula College Monday, March 8-Thursday, March 11, 2010. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that the College complete two Follow-Up Reports.

The Commission requires that the first 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 4: To increase effectiveness of distance education offerings, the team recommends the college follow through with a plan to design an evaluation process and evaluation tool to provide students an opportunity to evaluate the learning experience specific to online courses (IIA.2 and IIB.3a). Further, the team recommends that the Distance Education Task Force develop clear protocols and strategic goals for distance education learners that meet the institutional outcomes of the college and ACCJC policy on distance education (IIA.1, IIA.2 and IIA.6).

The second Follow-Up Report should be submitted by **October 15, 2012**. The Report should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendations as noted below:

Recommendation 1: In order to meet the Commission's 2012 deadline and building upon the progress made in identifying student learning outcomes for nearly all courses, program, certificates and degrees, the team recommends that the college complete the process of assessment to guide improvement of student learning (IIA.1 and IIA.2).

Recommendation 2: In order to meet the Commission's 2012 deadline, the team recommends the college completes the process of identifying course level student learning outcomes and ensures student information is clear, that SLOs are described, and that students receive syllabi reflective of the identified student learning outcomes (IIA.2 and IIA.6).

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Recommendation 3: In order to meet the Commission's 2012 deadline, the team recommends the college take appropriate steps to ensure that faculty and others directly responsible for student progress toward achieving stated learning outcomes have, as a component of their evaluation, effectiveness in producing those learning outcomes, and that this standard is achieved by the 2012 deadline established by the ACCJC (IIIA.1c).

All colleges are required to submit a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Monterey Peninsula College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2013**. The Midterm Report describes resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecasts where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

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 Monterey Peninsula College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the College will occur during Spring 2016.

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 the educational programs and services of the institution.

A final copy of the Evaluation Team Report is attached. 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 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.

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. John M. Gonzalez, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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Enclosure