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January 31, 2011

Dr. Mark W. Rocha  
Superintendent/President  
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Dear President Rocha:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2011, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College and the report of the evaluation team which visited the College Wednesday, November 17, 2010. The Commission took action to remove Warning and reaffirm accreditation. The Commission notes that the College has resolved Recommendation 1, as identified in the Commission's action letter of June 30, 2010.

Institutions are expected to meet Accreditation Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. This will be confirmed at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit. The report submitted by Pasadena City College and the evaluation team detail the College's achievements to meet college recommendations. The College reported having begun the cycle of program reviews by completing two program reviews by the time of the team visit and reported that five others were underway. The College also has placed a priority on assessment of student learning outcomes and the use of the resultant data to plan and implement instructional improvements; increased its commitment to distance education by establishing policies and procedures for professional development and technological support for courses offered in this delivery mode; developed codes of ethics for management and classified staff; and instituted a formal process for the regular evaluation of its governance and decision-making structures.

The Follow-Up Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. 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. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

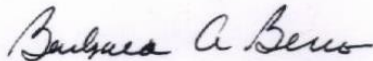
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All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Pasadena City College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2012**.

**Commission Reminder:** The Commission expects that institutions meet 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 Pasadena 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, and II.C.2).

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Mr. Robert B. Miller, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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