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Dr. Evelyn Wong
President
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Dear President Wong:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 4-6, 2000, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited West Los Angeles College on March 14-16, 2000. In addition, the Commission heard your testimony and that from Los Angeles Community College District Chancellor Mark Drummond, Board President Kelly G. Candaele, Self Study Chair Dr. Alice Taylor, and Team Chair Dr. Sandra Acebo. The Commission also reviewed documents submitted earlier by Chancellor Drummond, as well as the supplementary documents submitted by West Los Angeles College. I am pleased to inform you that accreditation has been reaffirmed, with a requirement that the college complete an Interim Report. The report will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.

The Commission asks that an Interim Report be submitted by April 1, 2001. The Interim Report should focus on the team recommendations and concerns as noted below:

1. The college should complete the master planning process, assuring that program review, educational master planning, financial planning, and facilities planning are integrated. (Standards 3A.4, 3B.2, 3B.3, 4D.1, 9A.1, 9A.3)
2. The college should create a functioning structure for participatory governance. (Standards 3B.1, 9A.5, 10B.1, 10B.5, 10B.6, 10B.7, 10B.8, 10B.9, 10B.10)

The Commission wishes to emphasize that the institutional plans and agreements submitted as evidence of the intent to address campus climate, substantive planning efforts, and participatory governance need to be followed through during the period of leadership change facing the college.

The Commission wishes to commend West Los Angeles College for its support of students and for the adoption of a vision statement aimed at student success.

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I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college self study.

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 an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the team report, but we do expect that the report will be used to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

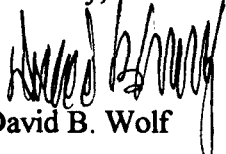
All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. West Los Angeles College should submit the Midterm Report by November 1, 2002. Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. The college also includes a summary of progress on college-identified concerns as expressed in the self study. Information about the Midterm Report is found in the 1997 Guide to Institutional Self Study and Reports to 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 development of West Los Angeles College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during academic year 2005-2006.

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 Three and Four). 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,



David B. Wolf

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cc: Dr. Mark Drummond, Chancellor
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