June 22, 1994

Dr. Evelyn Wong
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Dear President Wong:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting of June 13-14, 1994, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited West Los Angeles College on April 5-7, 1994. I am pleased to inform you that accreditation has been reaffirmed.

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.

The Commission asks the College to address two specific areas of concern and submit an interim report by October 15, 1995.

1. Both the current team and the previous team noted the need for the institution to complete and implement master planning and curricular program review. The College is asked to report on this issue.

2. The evaluation team underscored the need for the College to implement efficient and effective means for improving institutional climate, communication, accountability and integrity. The College is asked to address these issues, including timelines for implementing institutional decisions regarding the recommendations.

The report will be followed by a limited visit by Commission representatives.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report three years after each comprehensive evaluation visit. West Los Angeles College should submit the Midterm Report by November 1, 1996.

Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations and a summary of progress on college
identified concerns as expressed in the self study. Information about the Mid-
term Report is found in the 1990 Guide to Institutional Self Study and Reports
to the Commission (pp. 19-20, revised 1991).

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

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

Finally, let me remind you that laws governing accrediting agencies and
institutional eligibility for federal student aid funding require that
accredited colleges conduct systematic assessment of educational outcomes. A
further requirement is that accrediting agencies pay close attention to student
loan default rates. This accrediting association has for some years published
its standard on institutional effectiveness (Standard 1D). We can expect
increasing governmental oversight of the performance of accrediting agencies
and their member institutions.

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 yours,

John C. Petersen

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