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February 11, 2013

Dr. Walter Tribley
Superintendent/President
Monterey Peninsula College
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Dear President Tribley:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 9-11, 2013, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Monterey Peninsula College.

The Commission noted that the College has resolved deficiencies and therefore addressed Recommendation 4, designing an evaluation process and tool for students to evaluate the online learning experience, and Recommendation 2, identifying course-level student learning outcomes and clearly describing the expected outcomes to students in course syllabi. The College described partial fulfillment of Recommendations 1 and 3, using assessment data to guide improvement of student learning, and ensuring that all those responsible for student progress toward achieving stated learning outcomes have effectiveness in producing those outcomes a part of their evaluation.

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. 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 by placing a copy on the college website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.*

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Monterey Peninsula College should submit the **Midterm Report¹** by **March 15, 2013**.

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Midterm Reports demonstrate that changes implemented to meet the Standards have been sustained, indicate resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, include a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Evaluation Report, and forecast where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. Monterey Peninsula College's Midterm Report should demonstrate that the Standards related to Recommendations 1 and 3, below, have been met and that the recommendations have been addressed.

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 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)

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,



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President

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cc: Dr. Celine Pinet, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Board President, Monterey Peninsula CCD

¹ Institutions that will be preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission will want to review the new publication *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission*. This publication contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: (www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).