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Dr. Dianne Van Hook  
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Dear President Van Hook:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 11-13, 2006, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by College of the Canyons. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team are addressed by the institution and that the college has also considered the self-identified areas of concern which were included in the institutional self study.

I am pleased to inform you that the Midterm Report was accepted. The Commission commends the college for having written a thorough and comprehensive report on its progress and accomplishments in responding to the team recommendations and for its progress on and completion of the self identified plans. The college should also be commended for its submission of documents and research reports to supplement the Midterm Report. These provided evidence of the college-wide program evaluation and planning that is used to make institutional improvements.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of College of the Canyons will occur in **Fall 2008**.

The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. The Commission expects that you share this information widely among interested parties at the college. 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 the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. G. Carole Long, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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