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Dr. Dianne Van Hook  
Chancellor  
College of the Canyons  
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Chancellor's Office

Dear Chancellor Van Hook:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2012, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by College of the Canyons. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the 2008 evaluation team had been resolved by the institution and that the College had also addressed the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional Self Study Report.

Institutions are expected to meet 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 Commission notes that College of the Canyons reported that it has sustained the changes implemented to meet the recommendations of the 2008 comprehensive evaluation team. These include increasing the resources committed to ensure that the 2012 deadline for proficiency in SLOs is achieved, investing significant resources into the imaging of all student records, and completing and updating a program review for library services. Teams will examine evidence that these changes and improvements were sustained at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.

The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the College make all reports and action letters available to students and the public by placing them on the institution's website. The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of College of the Canyons will occur in **Fall 2014**.

**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 College of the Canyons 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, II.C.2, and III.A.1.c).

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: Ms. Diane Stewart, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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