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January 31, 2011

Dr. Chui Tsang
Superintendent/President
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Boulevard
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Dear President Tsang:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2011, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College. The College has provided evidence in the Follow-Up Report that it has resolved Recommendations 1 and 3, as identified in the Commission's action letter of June 30, 2010, regarding development of a sustainable comprehensive master planning process with the Master Plan at its core; and evaluation of the efficacy of the current staffing model for the institutional research function with a goal of providing timely, in-depth analysis of effectiveness measures and other key institutional metrics to move the college toward the goal of becoming a culture of evidence. This will be verified by the next comprehensive review team.

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 the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the College library can accomplish this.

Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet Accreditation 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 Santa Monica College 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.C.2, and III.A.1.c).

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

Dr. Chui Tsang
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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Mr. Randal Lawson, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Board President, Santa Monica Community College District