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Corrected Letter

Dr. Diana Van Der Ploeg
President
Butte College
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Dear President Van Der Ploeg:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9-11, 2009, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Butte College Monday, March 9-Thursdays, March 12, 2009. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that the College complete a Follow-Up Report.

The Follow-Up Report should be submitted by **October 15, 2010** and should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendations noted below:

Recommendation #1

In order to meet the standards, the college needs to specifically identify the intended student population in its mission statement and needs to implement a plan to periodically review and update the mission statement (Standard I.A., I.A.3).

Recommendation #5

In order to meet this standard, the team recommends that a written code of ethics be developed and implemented for classified staff and administrators (Standard III.A.1.d).

Recommendation #6

In order to meet the standard, the team recommends that the college update the policy governing the Board's code of ethics to include the consequences for failure to uphold the code (Standard IV.B.1.h).

I wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take

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action to terminate accreditation. Butte College must correct the deficiencies noted by June 2011 or the Commission will be compelled to act.

All colleges are required to file a **Midterm Report** in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Butte College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2012**. The Midterm Report describes resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecasts where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

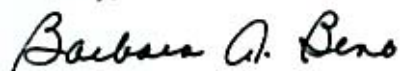
The recommendations contained in the Evaluation Team Report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that while an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the report, the College is expected to use the Evaluation Team Report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

The College conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission requires that the plans for improvement of the institution included in its self study efforts be used to support the continuing improvement of Butte College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the College will occur during **Spring 2015**.

I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the Evaluation Team Report and this letter dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your College Self Study Report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Evaluation Team Report and the Self Study Report be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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