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Dr. Brian King
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Dear President King:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 9-11, 2008, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Cabrillo College on Monday, October 8-Thursday, October 11, 2007. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation.

The college is commended for the richness of dialog that occurs on campus providing broad input on matters of student learning, resource allocation, and institutional governance. The college is also commended for its strong support of student learning as evidenced by the commitment of the library program to provide student access to ideas and information.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Cabrillo College should submit the Midterm Report by **October 15, 2010**. Midterm Reports indicate resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation, and include a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the self study report.

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 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 the campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the 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 team report to place on your web site or for some other purpose, please contact Commission staff.

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 team report, the college is expected to use the report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

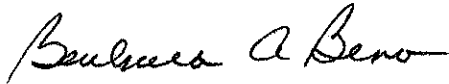
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The college conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in that document be taken into account in the continuing development of Cabrillo College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during Fall 2013.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to remind you that federal legislation affecting accrediting agencies requires that accredited colleges conduct systematic assessment of educational outcomes (see especially Standards One and Two). A further requirement is that accrediting agencies pay close attention to student loan default rates.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,



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