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Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman President Folsom Lake College 10 College Parkway Folsom, CA 95630

Dear President Scott-Skillman:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Folsom Lake College Monday, October 12-Thursday, October 15, 2009. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with the requirement that the college complete a Follow-Up Report.

The Commission requires that the Follow-Up Report be submitted by October 15, 2010. The Follow-Up Report should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendations as noted below:

Recommendation 2: The team recommends the college evaluate the educational effectiveness of electronically delivered courses including assessment of student learning outcomes, retention and success, and develop a distance education strategic plan (I.B.7, II.A.1.b, II.A.1.d, II.B.1, II.B.2, II.B.2.a, II.B.2.d, II.B.2.e, II.B.2.e, II.B.3.a, II.C.1, II.C.2.c, III.C.1.c, IV.A.2.b).

Recommendation 3: The team recommends the college comply with the Distance Education requirements such as obtaining substantive change approvals when 50% or more of a certificate or degree is obtainable in a distance delivery mode (II.A.1.b, II.A.2.d).

All colleges are required to submit a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Folsom Lake College should submit the Midterm Report by October 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.

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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 improvement of Folsom Lake College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during Fall 2015.

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.

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 appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college Self Study Report. This group should include the Chancellor, 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 integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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