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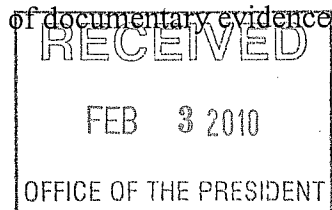
Dr. Greg Chamberlain  
President  
Bakersfield College  
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Dear President Chamberlain:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Midterm Report and the Special Report submitted by Bakersfield College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the institutional self study.

The Commission took action to accept the Midterm Report and the Special 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 the Bakersfield College Midterm and Special Reports state that the college has fully addressed the recommendations related to developing a timeline to complete a full cycle of planning at the college and district levels; evaluation of student support and learning services; human resource planning and professional development; evaluation of adjunct faculty and development of an employee code of ethics; development, implementation and assessment of a budget allocation model; adoption of bylaws for the College Council; Board self evaluation and revision of the ethics policy; and the completion of a college/district functional map. The reports also stated that the college had partially addressed the recommendations related to the facility repair schedule and the institutional strategic planning framework with links to program review, assessment, planning, and budget processes. Lists of documentary evidence were provided for each recommendation.



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The Midterm Report and Special 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 reports 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.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Bakersfield College will occur in **Fall 2012**.

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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