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February 1, 2012

Mr. Juan Vázquez
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Dear President Vázquez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2012, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Santiago Canyon College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the 2008 evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional Self Study Report.

The Commission notes that Santiago Canyon College reported it has sustained the changes implemented to meet the recommendations of the 2008 comprehensive evaluation team and Follow-Up Report. These include completing an analysis of the planning process, incorporating student learning outcomes (SLOs) into the evaluation processes for faculty and others directly responsible for monitoring SLOs and achieving them, examining the budget allocation model with the district, evaluating the College planning processes of the district, including the integration of technology, staffing, and facilities master plans to ensure the budget is used as a planning tool to achieve both district and College strategic goals, review computer-based student attendance recording system of the district to ensure state apportionment is recorded accurately, create written policies and regulations that establish appropriate communication processes between trustees and district employees, review and communicate district Board evaluation policy/regulations to ensure integrity and effectiveness.

The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your report. This group should include the Chancellor, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the College make all reports and action letters available to students and the public by placing them on the institution's website. The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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Institutions are expected to meet Accreditation Standards, Eligibility Requirements and Commission policies 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.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Santiago Canyon College will occur in **Fall 2014**.

Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet 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 Santiago Canyon 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.B.4, II.C.2, and III.A.1.c).

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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cc: Dr. Raul Rodriguez, Chancellor, Rancho Santiago Community College District
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