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January 31, 2007

Mr. Glenn Roquemore  
President  
Irvine Valley College  
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Dear President Roquemore:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 10-12, 2007, reviewed the Progress Report submitted by the college and the report of the evaluation team which visited on Thursday, November 30, 2006. The Commission took action to accept the report, with a requirement that the college complete a Focused Midterm Report.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the recommendations from the last comprehensive evaluation team and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. The report also includes a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the self study report. A Focused Midterm Report is a midterm report which must give evidence of progress on recommendations selected for emphasis by the Commission.

Irvine Valley College should submit the Focused Midterm Report by **October 15, 2007**. The Focused Midterm Report should address all the team's recommendations, with special emphasis on the concerns as noted below:

**District Recommendation 6.** The Board of Trustees cease involvement in college and district operations and delegate all non-policy issues and policy implementation at the district level to the chancellor and at the college level to the president. (Standards IVB, 1.e, j)

**District Recommendation 7.** The Board of Trustees, District leadership and College leadership define, publish, adhere to, regularly evaluate, and continuously improve the respective leadership roles and scopes of authority of college and district constituent groups and governance committees in meaningful, collegial decision-making processes. (Standard IV. A.1, 2, 3, 5)

**District Recommendation 8.** The Board of Trustees, chancellor, presidents, administrators, managers, faculty senates and unions, classified senates and unions, and students take measures to bring all constituent groups together to enable the campus to work toward:

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A. Developing a positive and in-depth dialogue on essential issues (e.g., evaluation, planning and research, student learning outcomes, decision making roles and responsibilities, etc.) that will ultimately lead to strengthening student learning and success at the college (Standards I.A.3, I.B.1);

B. Creating an environment which ensures greater administrative stability and empowerment at the college (Standards IV.A.1, IV.A.2, A.2.a, A.2.b, A.3, A.5, IV.B.1, IV.B.2, and IV.B.3); and,

C. Enhancing the college and district communication structure so that it is clear to everyone who the responsible party is for making decisions and how those decisions are or will be made (Standards IV.A.1, IV.A.2, A.2.a, A.2.b, A.3, A.5, IV.B.1, IV.B.2, and IV.B.3).

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires that you give the report 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. The Progress Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation.

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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President

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cc: Dr. Raghu Mathur, Chancellor, South Orange Community College District  
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Enclosure