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Mr. Glenn Roquemore
President
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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 9-11, 2008, reviewed the Focused Midterm Report submitted by Irvine Valley College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team are addressed by the institution and that the college has also addressed the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional self study.

The Commission took action to accept the Focused Midterm Report with the requirement that the college complete a Progress Report. The Commission asks that the report be submitted by **October 15, 2008**.

I also wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. Irvine Valley College must correct the deficiencies noted by **January 2009**. The recommendations below represent deficiencies that were first noted by the Commission in January 2005 (as a result of the October 2004 comprehensive evaluation team), and therefore, Irvine Valley College has exceeded the two years permitted to resolve deficiencies.

The Commission has extended the time permitted for good cause because the college and the district have done significant work and have sought and received advice from expert consultants. What remains now is for the institution's members (District and College levels) to move forward in implementing good practice in governance that they have learned about, renew their commitment to professionalism and to the values of higher education, set aside the hard feelings of the past, and work together to maximize student success and institutional effectiveness.

The Progress Report should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendations and concerns as noted below:

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

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)

Recommendation 8: The Board of Trustees, chancellor, presidents, administrators, managers, faculty senates and unions, classified senates and unions, and students come together and take measures to reduce the hostility, cynicism, despair, and fear that continue to plague the college.
(Standard IV.A.1,2,2.a,2.b,3,5)

The Focused Midterm 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 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.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Irvine Valley College will occur in **Fall 2010**. All recommendations of the 2004 comprehensive team should be fully resolved by the time of that 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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