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Dr. Brian Murphy
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Dear President Murphy:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 10-12, 2012, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report and the report of the evaluation team which visited DeAnza College Monday, October 24-Thursday, October 27, 2011. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that the College complete a Follow-Up Report. The report will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.¹

The Commission requires that the Follow-Up Report be submitted by **October 15, 2012**. The Follow-Up Report should demonstrate that the institution has addressed the recommendations noted below, resolved the deficiencies, and now meets Accreditation Standards.

Recommendation 1

To meet the Standard, the team recommends that the college mission statement clearly identify the intended student population for whom the college will provide programs and services (Standards I.A, I.A.1).

Recommendation 2

In order to fully meet Standards, the team recommends that the college systematically evaluate the newly implemented integrated planning, assessment and resource allocation model. The model should also be evaluated for its effectiveness in improving programs, services and student learning. At the appropriate point in the cycle, the college should then assess its evaluation processes (Standards I.B.3, I.B.4, I.B.6, I.B.7, III.A.6, III.B.2.b, III.C.2, and III.D.1.a).

¹ Institutions that will be preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission will want to review the new publication *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission*. This publication contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: (www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc).

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Recommendation 3

To meet the standard at the level of proficiency by 2012, the team recommends that the college accelerate the implementation of the SLO, SSLO, and AUO assessment cycles at the course, program and institutional levels. The college should assess the effectiveness of these processes aimed at improving programs, services, and student learning. Additionally, the college is reminded that the standard requires accredited institutions to include “effectiveness in producing learning outcomes” in the evaluation of faculty and others directly responsible for student progress toward achieving stated student learning outcomes (Standard II.A.1.a, II.A.1.c, II.A.2.b, II.A.2.f, II.A.2.h, II.A.2.i, and III.A.1.c).

I 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. DeAnza College must correct the deficiencies noted by **October 2013** or the Commission will be compelled to act.

The College conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission requires that the plans for improvement of the institution included in its self study efforts be used to support the continuing improvement of DeAnza College.

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 team report, the College is expected to use the Evaluation Team Report to improve educational programs and services and to resolve issues identified by the Commission.

I have previously sent you a copy of the Evaluation Team Report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to disseminate the Evaluation Team Report and this letter 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 College make the Evaluation Team Report, the Self Study Report and action letter available to students and the public by placing them on the institution’s website. These reports 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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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Linda Thor, Chancellor, Foothill-DeAnza Community College District
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