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February 7, 2014

Dr. Brian Murphy, President
DeAnza College
21250 Stevens Creek Boulevard
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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 8-10, 2014, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by DeAnza College. The Follow-Up Report was certified by District and College leadership, including the chair of the governing board, the Chancellor, the College president, and leaders of the faculty, staff and student organizations.

Based on the College Report and documentation submitted, the College provided evidence that it addressed College Recommendation 1. However, the Commission notes that the broad definition of constituency served does not meet the intent of Standard I.A to define "...its intended student population..." The College should follow its planned review of the mission statement, within the timeframe of the planning cycle that will provide broad-based dialogue with the ultimate goal of improving student learning. The Midterm Report will need to demonstrate that the College is accomplishing its mission.

The Follow-Up Report submitted in October 2013 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. 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 the Follow-Up Report and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.*

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Colleges must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the next regularly scheduled report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained. DeAnza College will submit its Midterm Report by **October 15, 2014.**

Dr. Brian Murphy, President
DeAnza College
February 7, 2014

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 educational quality.

Sincerely,

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

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission*. It 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: (<http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc>).