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Mr. Darroch Young
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Dear President Young:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 3-5, 2001, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Los Angeles Pierce College on March 20-22, 2001. I am pleased to inform you that accreditation has been reaffirmed, with a requirement that the college complete a Focused Midterm Report.

Los Angeles Pierce College should submit the Focused Midterm Report by November 1, 2003. The Focused Midterm Report should address the recommendations and concerns as noted below:

- 3.1 Now that the college has achieved a new level of financial and enrollment stability, the college should shift its planning and decision-making priorities to ensure that student educational needs and outcomes are the central focus, and that research and information about student characteristics, trends and outcomes are more thoroughly integrated into the variety of planning processes. (Standards 3A.1, 3B.2, 3C.1)
- 8.1 It is recommended that college develop a plan for long term use of its agricultural lands that supports fiscal viability through strategies such as community partnerships, while ensuring that the primary functions of this unique resource remain on goals directly linked to the Educational Master Plan. (Standards 8.5, 3B.3)

The college is commended for the quality and inclusiveness of its Self Study, for the positive morale and future-looking spirit that is now found on the campus, and for its dedication to offering superior education and services to its students. The college is also commended for its successful enrollment management and its sound fiscal practices.

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the report

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and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college self study.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. The college also includes a summary of progress on college-identified concerns as expressed in the self study. Information about the Midterm Report is found in the 1997 Guide to Institutional Self Study and Reports to the Commission.

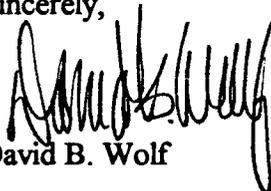
The recommendations contained in the evaluation team report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission reminds you that an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the team report, but we do expect that the report will be used to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

The college conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in that document be taken into account in the continuing development of Los Angeles Pierce College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during academic year 2006-2007.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to remind you that federal legislation affecting accrediting agencies requires that accredited colleges conduct systematic assessment of educational outcomes (see especially Standards Three and Four). A further requirement is that accrediting agencies pay close attention to student loan default rates.

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,



David B. Wolf

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