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COMMISSION
for COMMUNITY and
JUNIOR COLLEGES**

Mr. John Komo
Superintendent/President
Santa Barbara City College
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Dear President Komo,

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 10, 2003, reviewed the institutional self study report and the evaluation team which visited Santa Barbara City College on Tuesday, October 1, to Thursday, October 3, 2002. I am pleased to inform you that accreditation has been reaffirmed.

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The college is commended for its efforts to utilize student surveys, focus groups, focus on the individual's perspective, and decision-making by the administrators. The Commission wishes to express its appreciation for the experimental Self Study process that Santa Barbara City College undertook. This (second) experiment by the college has provided some valuable information and data that will be used in the Self Study. The Commission is pleased that the college will continue to use the same outcome measures in its institutional report.

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission is happy to give the report and the other supporting documentation to your college staff and to discuss with you any questions you may have.

The recommendations contained in the evaluation team report are based on observations of the evaluation team at the time of the visit. The Commission commends the college's commitment to the process of using the report and the team report, but we do expect that the report will be used to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

All colleges are required to file an institutional report in the form of a comprehensive institutional self study report by October 15, 2003. Midterm Reports in the process toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. One college also included a summary of progress on issues identified in the report expressed in the self study. Information about the Midterm Report is found in the 1997 Guide to Institutional Self Study and Report at the Commission's website.

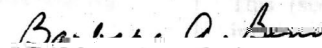
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The college conducted a comprehensive self-study as part of its accreditation process. The self-study report includes a list of findings for improvement of the institution and a plan of action to address these findings. The college also conducted a comprehensive evaluation of its degree work during fall 2002.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to remind you that the Accreditation Commission for Community Colleges requires that accredited colleges conduct systematic internal assessment of their programs (see especially Standards Three and Four). We would appreciate your continuing to pay close attention to student learning outcomes.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express my appreciation for the college's commitment to quality and effectiveness in its programs and services.

Sincerely,



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