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Dr. Frank Chong
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Dear President Chong:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9 – 11, 2009, reviewed the institutional Self Study Report, the report of the evaluation team which visited Laney College Monday, March 9 – Thursday, March 12, 2009, and information presented by college and district representatives. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that the College complete two Follow-Up Reports. The first report is due by **March 15, 2010** and will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives. The second report is due by **March 15, 2011** and will also be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

The Commission asks that the first Follow-Up Report be submitted by **March 15, 2010**. That report should focus on the institution's resolution of Recommendation 6 below and status toward resolution of Recommendations 3 and 5 as noted below:

Recommendation 6. Board and District Administration

The team recommends that the district assess the overall effectiveness of its service to the college and provide clear delineation of functional responsibilities and develop clear processes for decision making (IV.B.1, IV.B.3.a,b,c,f,g).

Recommendation 3. Management Systems

The team recommends that the district immediately resolve the functional issues associated with the implementation of the districtwide adopted software management information systems for student, human resources, and financial aid administration (III.C.1.a, III.C.1.c, III C.1.d, IV.B.3.b).

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Recommendation 5. *Financial Accountability and Controls*

The team recommends that the district take immediate corrective action to implement all appropriate controls and necessary MIS system modifications to achieve access to a fully integrated computer information management system, including modules for student, financial aid, human resources, and finance, in order to assure financial integrity and accountability. All corrective action and system testing should be completed within two years and the governing board should receive regular implementation progress reports until project completion (III.D.1.a-b, III.D.2.a).

This first report should also address the Commission's concern regarding the College's mission statement which should be revised to include the intended population and the college's commitment to student learning as expressed in Standards I.A, I.A.1 and I.A.4. In addition, the report should address the Commission's concern that the college accelerates the assessment and analysis of the data from Student Services as expressed in Standards II.B.1 and II.B.4.

The second Follow-Up Report is due by **March 15, 2011** and will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives. That report should demonstrate resolution of the recommendations noted below:

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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. Laney College must correct the deficiencies noted by June 2011 or the Commission will be compelled to act.

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All colleges are required to file a **Midterm Report** in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Laney College should submit the Midterm Report by **March 15, 2012**. The Midterm Report describes resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, includes a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecasts where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

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 report, the College is expected to use the Evaluation Team Report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

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 Laney College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the College will occur during **Spring 2015**.

A **final copy** of the Evaluation Team Report is attached. Please disregard any earlier versions you may have. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the Evaluation Team Report and this letter dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your institutional Self Study Report. This group should include campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that the Evaluation Team Report and the Self Study Report be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the College library can accomplish this. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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 quality.

Sincerely,



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