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January 31, 2006

Dr. William Scroggins
Interim President
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Dear President Scroggins:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 11-13, 2006, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Modesto Junior College on Tuesday, October 25-Thursday, October 27, 2005. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation with a requirement that the college complete a Progress Report. The report will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives.

The Commission asks that a Progress Report be submitted by **October 15, 2007**. The Progress Report should focus on the recommendations and concerns as noted below:

Recommendation 4. The team recommends that the college develop a planning initiative to address issues of staffing, support services, and programs on the East and West Campuses. (IB.2; IB.3; IB.4; IB.6; IIB; IIB.3a; IIIA.2; IIIC.1a,b,c) Note: This recommendation was also given to the college by the previous accreditation team (prior Standard 4A.4).

Recommendation 6. The team recommends that in order to best serve the needs of students, the district and the college engage in a collaborative process to ensure a transparent and equitable allocation of financial resources and that the district and the college implement a process to communicate budget issues with each other on an ongoing basis. (IIIC.1a; IIIC.1d; IIIC.2; IIID.1a,b,c; IIID.2a; IIID.2b; IIID.2d; IIID.2e; IIID.2g; IIID.3; IVB.2d; IVB.3d; IVB.3g)

Recommendation 7. The team recommends that the college develop and implement a strategic planning process for connecting long-term program and services planning to financial resource development, as well as to facilities, human resources, and technology planning, consistent with the mission of the college. In addition, the team recommends that to accomplish its plans, the college develop and implement a short-term cyclical process that includes (a) clear

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institutional goals that are archived through tactical actions that are based on institutional data and research, allocation of resources, timelines, and primary office of responsibility, (b) a method to report accomplishments on each tactical action, and (c) measures of institutional effectiveness that document achievement of the college mission and demonstrate continuous improvement. (IA.4, IB, IIA.1, IIA.2, IIA.3, IIB, IIB.1, IIB.3, IIB.3a, IIC, IIC.1, IIC.1c, IIIA.6, IIIC.1a, IIIC.1d, IIIC.2, IVA.1, IVA.5)

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies of this report may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the team report and this letter appropriate dissemination 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 team report and the self study report be made available to the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this. Should you want the report electronically to place on your web site or for some other purpose, please contact Commission staff.

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, it is expected that the report will be used to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Modesto Junior College should submit the Midterm Report by **October 15, 2008**. 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.

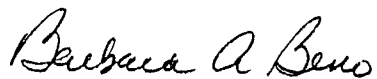
The college conducted a comprehensive self study as part of its evaluation. The Commission suggests that the plans for improvement of the institution included in that document be taken into account in the continuing development of Modesto Junior College. The next comprehensive evaluation of the college will occur during **Fall 2011**.

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 I and II). A further requirement is that accrediting agencies pay close attention to student loan default rates.

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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,



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President

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cc: Dr. James Williams, Chancellor, Yosemite Community College District
Mr. George Railey, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Board President, Yosemite Community College District
Dr. Shirley Kelly, Team Chair
Evaluation Team Members

Board Item:

Accreditation Progress Report With A Visit

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 11-13, 2006, reviewed the institutional self study report and the report of the evaluation team which visited Modesto Junior College in October of 2005. The Commission took action to reaffirm accreditation with a requirement that the college complete a Progress Report. The report will be followed by a one day visit by a team of two members, typically the chair of the comprehensive evaluation team familiar with the recommendations and a member from the Commission or Commission staff in October 2007.

The Progress Report requires that the institution provide information, evidence, and analysis regarding the resolution of the recommendations to which it was directed by the Commission's Action Letter. The Progress Report must be reviewed by the Governing Board prior to its submission by October 15, 2007.

The Progress Report is under review by the Academic Senate and any substantive changes will be presented at the board meeting.

Recommendation: That the Board of Trustees accept the Modesto Junior College Accreditation Progress Report.