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February 3, 2009

Dr. Jeff Marsee
Superintendent/President
College of the Redwoods
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Dear President Marsee:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 7-9, 2009, reviewed the Focused Midterm Report submitted by College of the Redwoods and the report of the evaluation team which visited on Friday, December 5, 2008. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team were addressed by the institution and that the college has also addressed the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional self study. The Commission also considered the testimony of President Jeff Marsee.

The Commission took action to accept the Focused Midterm Report, **remove the college from Warning**, and reaffirm accreditation. The Commission also acted to require a Follow-Up Report be submitted by **April 1, 2009**. The Follow-Up Report will be followed by a visit by Commission representatives. The institution is commended for its achievements to date and for its efforts to take the recommendations of the Commission seriously. The Commission expects the college to continue its momentum, sustain the achievements to date and completely resolve the remaining issues related to the integrated planning and Educational Master Plan, including development of a long-range educational plan, a facilities master plan, and implementation of budgeting and planning framework.

The report of **April 1, 2009**, should demonstrate the institution's resolution of the recommendation made by the recent visiting team and noted below:

Recommendation 1 (2008): The college should determine a template for student achievement data and related analyses that is to be included in all program reviews, and should use the institutional research staff and others knowledgeable about data analyses to guide the faculty and ultimately the college in discussions of what these data show about student success; these discussions should become part of the culture and practice of the institution. (Standards II.A.1.a and c, II.A.2.a, II.A.2.e)

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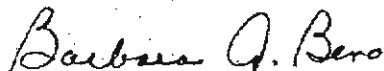
I also wish to inform you that under U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions out of compliance with standards or on sanction are expected to correct deficiencies within a two-year period or the Commission must take action to terminate accreditation. The Commission has extended College of the Redwood's time to correct this deficiency due to the substantial progress the college has made; there is just a small amount of work left to be done.

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. 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 campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and 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 Focused Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of College of the Redwoods will occur in Fall 2011.

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. Keith Snow-Flamer, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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