Dear LMC Colleagues & Community – We are REAFFIRMED!

Today we received notification that the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) has taken action to REAFFIRM ACCREDITATION for Los Medanos College! This is incredibly exciting news, and an achievement for which our entire College community should be proud. A tremendous amount of effort was involved in this institutional journey – from the October 2012 “Accreditation Kick-Off” that launched work on our Self Evaluation Report, to the Oral Exit Report that concluded our External Team Visit in October 2014. Thanks to your countless contributions, both collectively and individually, we have reached this successful outcome together.

There are a number of people and groups who deserve a special acknowledgment for their invaluable input and respective roles in this important process: the members of our Accreditation Steering Committee; the co-chairs and members of our Standard Teams; the leadership and members of our Academic Senate, Classified Senate, and Associated Students; our Marketing & Media Design team; the District Office of Research & Planning; LMC’s Office of Planning & Institutional Effectiveness; and everyone who took part in the arrangements for the External Team Visit – whether in the meetings with our visiting colleagues, or behind the scenes making it all possible. Of course, no recognition would be complete without expressing my deep appreciation for Kiran Kamath, ALO extraordinaire, who provided us with leadership, encouragement, and opportunities to “stretch” and improve ourselves as an institution every step of the way.

The news received is very positive. As you know, Accreditation is an ongoing process: a cycle of continuous improvement. Our work will continue, including a Follow-Up Report and Visit by Commission representatives, and I am confident that our progress will continue as well. Attached is the letter from Dr. Barbara A. Beno, President of ACCJC, who outlines details of the action taken by the Commission to REAFFIRM ACCREDITATION for Los Medanos College.

For now, let us celebrate and congratulate one another for our shared LMC success story – thank you all for the hard work and dedication that led us to ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMATION!

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