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January 31, 2011

Mr. Thomas Mohr
President
Cañada College
4200 Farm Hill Boulevard
Redwood City, CA 94061

Dear President Mohr:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 11-13, 2011, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Cañada College and the addendum to the report submitted in January 2011 on responses to district recommendations. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the Self Study Report.

The Commission notes that the College has documented its resolutions of Recommendations 1 - 5 from the last comprehensive review in its Progress Report 2008 and Follow-Up Report in 2009, respectively. The Midterm report provided evidence that the College continues to improve its institutional quality as related to the recommendations. These include the establishment of data-driven planning aligned with district planning efforts, an aggressive effort to meet the Commission's 2012 deadline on meeting the SLO Standards; increased support to distance education (DE) with the creation of a DE Subcommittee, faculty DE handbook, and plans to hire a DE coordinator and instructional designer; increased staffing for onsite and offsite student support services; and the redesign of the governance and decision-making processes on campus.

Institutions are expected to meet Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. This will be verified at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.

The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. 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 the Chancellor, 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.

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Commission Reminder: The Commission expects that institutions meet standards that require the identification and assessment of student learning outcomes, and the use of assessment data to plan and implement improvements to educational quality, by fall 2012. The Commission reminds Cañada College that it must be prepared to demonstrate that it meets these standards by fall 2012 (Standards I.B.1, II.A.2.e, II.A.2.f, II.B.4, and II.C.2).

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Cañada College will occur in **Fall 2013**.

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 integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Mr. Ron Galatolo, Chancellor, San Mateo Community College District
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