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January 31, 2006

Dr. E. Kehoe  
President  
Long Beach City College  
4901 East Carson Street  
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Dear President Kehoe:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 11-13, 2006, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Long Beach City College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team are addressed by the institution and that the college has also considered the self-identified areas of concern which were included in the institutional self study.

I am pleased to inform you that the Midterm Report was accepted. The college is to be commended for having responded to the Commission's request for updates and has laid out a realistic planning agenda with clear expectations for progress. The report was honest with open acknowledgement of the need for continuing improvement.

However, the Commission is concerned about the pattern of some staff declining to participate in college-wide self evaluation and instead producing minority reports to the Commission. The Commission advises the authors and participants in the minority reports that the 2002 Standards of Accreditation state that college leadership is to work together for the good of the institution. The Commission advises the participants in the two minority reports to participate with the college in bringing forward ideas from their constituencies and work together within established campus decision-making processes for the good of the institution as outlined in Standard IV.A.1, 2, 3, and 5.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Long Beach City College will occur in **Fall 2008**.

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 expects that you share this information widely among interested parties at the college.

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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 the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Dr. Linda Umbdenstock, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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