February 3, 2009

Dr. Gari Browning
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Dear President Browning:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 7-9, 2009, reviewed the Report submitted by the college and the report of the evaluation team which visited on Wednesday, November 12, 2008. The Commission took action to accept the report and continue the Warning status. The college is reminded of the requirement to complete a Follow-Up Report by March 15, 2009, as was noted in the June 30, 2008 Commission Action Letter. That report will be followed by a visit of Commission representatives.

The Follow-Up Report of March 15, 2009 should demonstrate the institution’s resolution of the recommendations below:

**Recommendation 1:** The team recommends that the College establish a regular assessment and review process for the Mission and Vision statement to meet Standard I.A.3 and do similarly for its planning processes (including program review) to meet Standard I.B.6.

** Recommendation 2:** The team recommends that the College continuously improve its program review process by enhancing the nature and use of data to meet Standard I.B.5 and by codifying the links between program review, budget decision-making, facilities planning, and information technology decisions that support student learning outcomes (I.B.2, I.B.3, I.B.4).

** Recommendation 3:** The team recommends that the College continue its planning agenda to put in place appropriate and systematic employee performance evaluation procedures (III.A.1.b).

** Recommendation 4:** The team recommends that the College improve its program review by enhancing the nature and use of data to meet standard III.D.1.d and by codifying the links between program review, budget decision-making, facilities planning and information technology decisions that support student learning outcomes (III.D.1.d).
In reminding the college of the March 2009 report requirements, the Commission acknowledges the college’s efforts and success in addressing Recommendations 5, 6, 7, and 8. It is expected that this success will be sustained and the college will resolve the remaining recommendations.

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. Recommendations 2 and 4 represent deficiencies first noted by the 2002 evaluation team. Ohlone College must correct those deficiencies by June 2009. The Commission has extended Ohlone College’s time to correct these deficiencies for good cause because the College’s Progress Report indicated progress in addressing these recommendations. However, the March 2008 comprehensive evaluation team noted that the college did not sustain its efforts to meet accreditation standards in these areas. It is therefore imperative that the college move immediately to completely resolve these deficiencies.

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 Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation.

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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