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Dear President Miller:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2013, considered the Midterm Report submitted by Allan Hancock College and the report of the April 2013 Evaluation Visiting Team. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the Comprehensive 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 Institutional Self Evaluation Report.

The Commission noted that Allan Hancock College responded to all nine college recommendations from the previous comprehensive visit and reviewed progress on self-identified plans for improvement in its Midterm Report. The College reported, and the Evaluation Team was able to confirm, that Allan Hancock College has attained the proficiency level in student learning outcomes assessment and that the results inform institutional planning and resource allocation. Evaluations of administrators are now up to date, the new decision-making process has been implemented, and campus-wide communication of decisions made using the new process.

Additionally, the College reported that it has taken steps to ensure the rigor and content of online courses through curriculum development, training for faculty, assistance to faculty from the distance learning specialist and the coordinator of instructional technology, as well as ensuring the same rigor of course/faculty/student evaluation as face-to-face courses. A draft technology plan was completed in 2012 and is now under review by the Technology Council. Finally, all administrative units have completed an initial cycle of annual updates following the procedure for administrative services program reviews, and a schedule has been developed for all units to perform a comprehensive review by 2015.

Dr. Elizabeth Miller  
Allan Hancock College  
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Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions are expected to have fully resolved all deficiencies within two years of when they were first identified to the College, and to have addressed all recommendations. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence in order to confirm that the Allan Hancock College's described changes and steps taken to achieve full compliance with Standards have been sustained.

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 campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Midterm Report, the evaluation team report, and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.* If you would like an electronic copy of the Evaluation Visiting Team Report, please contact Commission staff.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Allan Hancock College will occur in **spring 2016**.

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 educational quality.

Sincerely,



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