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July 3, 2013

Dr. Walter Tribley
Superintendent/President
Monterey Peninsula College
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Dear President Tribley:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2013, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Monterey Peninsula College. 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 Institutional Self Evaluation Report.

The Commission noted that Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) responded to all four College recommendations from the 2010 comprehensive evaluation visit and demonstrated progress on self-identified plans for improvement in its Midterm Report. MPC reported that through Program Reflections held on flex days each semester, the College reports on how well each unit (instructional and non-instructional) is achieving its stated learning outcomes. These discussions lead to college-wide planning and resource decisions. The College cited several changes made through this process. MPC reported it had achieved complete adherence to the requirement that course level learning outcomes are identified and included on all course syllabi. In spring 2012, the faculty contract was changed to include participation in Program Reflections and program review as part of faculty (self) evaluation. The College has redesigned its online evaluation survey and implemented its use in all distance education courses.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence in order to confirm that the 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.

Dr. Walter Tribley
Monterey Peninsula 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 the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees.

The Commission also requires that the Midterm 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.*

The next comprehensive evaluation of Monterey Peninsula 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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President

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cc: Dr. Celine Pinet, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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