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Dr. Sunita Cooke
President
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Dear President Cooke:

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 Grossmont 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 Self Study Report.

The Commission notes that the College has documented resolution of Recommendations 1-6 regarding the development of policies and practices with the district to ensure equity and diversity in human resource practices; establishment of a specific timeline for producing student learning outcomes and assessments; revision of institutional planning processes; linkage of College and District strategic plans; development of clear policies and procedures for the College President defined by the District; and development of regular and systematic review and evaluation of District services to the College. The College is also addressing its plans for continued improvement (self-identified planning agendas).

Institutions are expected to meet Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to demonstrate at the time of the next comprehensive site visit, the sustainability of the improvements made to address and resolve the recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team.

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 Accreditation 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 Grossmont 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 Grossmont 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,



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President

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