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January 29, 2010

Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr.  
Superintendent/President  
Rio Hondo College  
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Dear President Martinez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Rio Hondo College and the report of the evaluation team which visited Thursday, November 5, 2009. The Commission took action to accept the report, **remove Warning**, and reaffirm accreditation, with a requirement that Rio Hondo College complete a Follow-Up Report.

The Commission asks that a Follow-Up Report be submitted by **October 15, 2010**. The Report should report on the institution's implementation of the recommendation noted below:

**Recommendation #2 Student Learning Outcomes**

The college is at the developmental level on the ACCJC rubric for student learning outcomes and has established an initial framework and assessment strategy at the course level. In order to meet the ACCJC standard of proficiency of student learning outcomes by 2012, the college needs to: create an implementation timeline; regularly evaluate the effectiveness of the SLO assessment process; facilitate college wide discussions; develop and implement training for all constituencies integrating college wide efforts between Instruction and Student Services; create a special emphasis on identifying valid and reliable data and use of authentic assessment; and implement a system of quality control to ensure meaningful and accurate assessment of student learning throughout the college. (Standards II.A.1, 2, 3)

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

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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 an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

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 institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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