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Dear Colleagues:

As you know, last week we hosted the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC) External Evaluation Team on our campus. Chaired by Saddleback College President Tod Burnett, the team of 13 faculty, staff and administrators from colleges throughout our state interviewed over 300 people on the San Marcos campus, at the Escondido Center and at the Camp Pendleton site. I was very proud of how our campus worked collaboratively to show the Evaluation Team all of the great work we do every day on behalf of our students.

The Evaluation Team ended its visit by presenting an exit report on Thursday afternoon. The team provided a draft of six recommendations, in addition to six commendations. In approximately six weeks, we will receive a draft report from the ACCJC Commission, which we will be able to check for factual accuracy. The final report will be sent to the Commission, for review and action at its June meeting. We will receive a letter in early July from the Commission regarding our accreditation status. I am confident that all of the hard work we have done over the last few years was well-reflected in both the 426-page Self-Evaluation Report and the Evaluation Team's overall assessment.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this very important process for our college and our students. I particularly want to recognize the outstanding work of our Accreditation Tri-Chairs--Dr. Brent Gowen, Aaron Holmes and Tom Medel--as well as our Accreditation Liaison Officer, Vice President for Instruction Berta Cuaron, and Marti Snyder the staff assistant.

Regards,

Robert P. Deegan