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June 25, 2004

Dr. James W. Hattois
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Dear President Hattois:

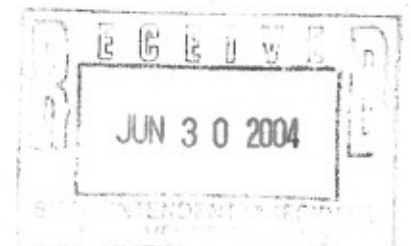
The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on June 9-11, 2004, reviewed the Progress Report submitted by Palo Verde College and the report of the evaluation team which visited on Tuesday, May 11, 2004. I am pleased to inform you that the report was accepted with the requirement that the college submit a Focused Midterm Report by **March 15, 2005**. Focus of the Midterm Report should be the following recommendation:

1. That the institutional Planning Committee immediately redefine the institutional planning process to ensure the use of comprehensive, reliable, and relevant data for setting strategic priorities, for defining the intended outcomes of planning efforts, and for linking other college plans. Planning developments should be shared with the college and the community at large. (Standards 3A.1, 3A.2,3, 3B.1, 3B.2, 3B.3, 3C.1, 3C.2, 3C.4)

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Midterm Reports indicate progress toward meeting the evaluation team's recommendations and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation. The college also includes a summary of progress on college-identified concerns as expressed in the self study.

I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. The Commission requires you to give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college self study.

The comments contained in the evaluation team report represent the observations of the evaluation team at the time of the progress visit. The Commission reminds you that an institution may concur or disagree with any part of the team report, but the college is expected to use the report to improve the educational programs and services of the institution.



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The college is commended for its progress in addressing the recommendations in this report.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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cc: Ms. Louise Gallan, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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