News Release

ACCJC/WASC Removes Warning

Visiting Team Chair Says College of Marin Was Well Prepared

Kentfield, CA—February 13, 2013—In a letter received yesterday, Dr. Barbara A. Beno, president of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges/Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), wrote that the Commission took action to remove College of Marin from Warning.

“This is great news for the College and a testament to the continuing hard work and dedication of faculty, staff, students and our Board of Trustees to take very seriously the Commission’s accrediting standards and its recommendations,” said College of Marin Superintendent/President David Wain Coon, Ed.D.

Meeting accreditation standards requires a strong institutional commitment to continuous quality improvement and an evidence based demonstration that a variety of planning processes are in place and working effectively.

ACCJC/WASC’s Team Chair for the College’s follow-up visit, Dr. Jose Ortiz, indicated in his final report to the Commission that College of Marin has made significant progress
in all areas and in several areas has exceeded expectations.

“The College has made remarkable strides in addressing the recommendation on facilities planning....The College’s Facilities Planning Committee worked tirelessly to complete a solid, well-developed facilities master plan,” wrote Ortiz.

Ensuring student success is one of the Commission’s greatest concerns and accreditation is now linked with the successful implementation of effective Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs). College of Marin received high marks in this area. Faculty and staff in particular played a key role in successfully identifying and assessing SLOs for all courses, programs, and services throughout the College.

Ortiz also noted that in the two years since the last comprehensive visit, the College’s Board of Trustees and the superintendent/president fully addressed Recommendation 9, which focused on board policies and procedures.

“The most overarching measure of this is the general improved morale of the college, evidenced by anecdotal information volunteered by staff members, by the outcome of survey results, and by the general developments that have occurred with the hiring of the superintendent/president in December 2010,” said Ortiz in his report to the Commission. “The reward for this effort is a remarkable turnaround....”

The complete ACCJC/WASC Follow-Up Report is available online at http://www.marin.edu/com/ODP/Accreditation.htm

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