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Dr. Thomas M. Fallo
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Dear President Fallo:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on March 28, 2007, reviewed the status report submitted by El Camino College for the El Camino College/Compton Center. The purpose of the review was to assure that the supplementary information requested by the Commission's Committee on Substantive Change, transmitted to you in the August 22, 2006 letter, granting provisional approval for the program, addressed the issues raised by the Committee. That letter stated that the Committee referred the final action to the full Commission for review and discussion.

I am pleased to inform you that the Status Report as submitted was accepted with the requirement that the college complete a Progress Report followed by a visit in **Fall 2007**. The Commission asks that the report be submitted by **October 15, 2007**. The Progress Report should provide status on the progress of the issues below with specific timelines and individuals responsible for follow up:

- Status on the progress of the "blended" organizational structure in defining accountability and oversight for the operation and function of the Center between El Camino and the Special Trustee.
- Status on the progress of the administrative accountability and oversight for the Center within the "blended" organizational structure.
- Status on the selection and supervision of Center faculty and staff, including hiring or assignment process, qualifications review, supervision and evaluation, support for improvement, discipline and dismissal from the Center.
- Status on the progress of faculty governance structures at the Center and its relationship with those of El Camino.
- Status of the progress for the Center's budget.

In addition, the Commission requests that staff conduct a brief site visit this spring. In accepting the status report, the Commission reminds the college that oversight of the Center in meeting the Commission Standards remains within the responsibility and purview of El Camino College.

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The status report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the college's next comprehensive evaluation which is expected to occur in **Fall 2008**. The Commission expects that you share this information widely among interested parties at the college.

Sincerely,



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President

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