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Dr. Kayleigh Carabajal Acting Superintendent/President Lassen Community College P. O. Box 3000 Susanville, CA 96130

Dear President Carabajal:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 8-10, 2011, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Lassen Community College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the comprehensive evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the Self Study Report.

The Commission noted that Lassen College has implemented its Institutional Planning, Budget Development, and Evaluation cycle which is now in its third year of implementation; has widely implemented and utilized program review, including Student Learning Outcome data, across the College; has developed Student Learning Outcomes for all degrees, certificates, and courses as well as for student services and administrative services, and assessment has been implemented in many courses; has hired an institutional researcher to ensure the systematic examination of data, examine program viability and sustainability, and ensure data-informed decisions; has completed and expects to remain current in employee evaluations; has filled vacant administrative positions and now appears to have sufficient administrative capacity to support College needs; has incorporated staffing needs into the Comprehensive Institutional Master Plan; and has developed a multi-year academic recovery plan which has enabled the College to develop increased fiscal stability.

Institutions are expected to meet Accreditation Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. This will be confirmed at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.

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The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. 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. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing a copy on the college web site can accomplish this.

Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Lassen Community College will occur in **Spring 2014**.

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 integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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cc: Ms. Susan Mouck, Accreditation Liaison Officer Board President, Lassen Community College District