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Dear CSM Community,

I have good news to share. We have received notification from the ACCJC that our *Follow-Up Report* has been accepted and that we have met the recommendations regarding student learning outcomes and assessment in full. Our next required report will be the mid-term report, which is due in October 2016. I would like to share an excerpt from the Team Report:

***Conclusion:** The visiting team, after a review of documentation and interviews with college faculty and staff, considers the work accomplished by the College of San Mateo to address the identification, assessment, and best practices related to student learning outcomes and the evaluation of Student Support Centers, to be extraordinary. The College is encouraged to continue the implementation of assessments and the pursuit of professional development activities toward the analyses of outcomes trends. The visiting team has found that the College of San Mateo has fully addressed the Recommendation, resolved the deficiencies noted by the previous team, and now meets Standards.*

There are many individuals to thank. First and foremost I want to thank Jennifer Hughes. Vice President Hughes is our accreditation liaison officer and was responsible for guiding our overall effort. I also wish to thank David Laderman, the Academic Senate Governing Council, the College Assessment Committee, the Accreditation Oversight Committee, and the Curriculum Committee for their leadership. I know that our most important work is teaching and serving students. However, I feel doubly blessed to be the president of an institution that has outstanding teachers and classified staff who also great to work with on other matters.

In addition to Jennifer, there are other individuals who contributed significantly to the *Follow-Up Report*: Vice President Comerford and Ada Delaplaine provided critical support in gathering information regarding the college's instructional programs. Milla McConnell-Tuite was responsible for writing the report. Also, both Milla and John Sewart were instrumental in compiling the data necessary to produce the report. Neither would have been able to complete their work without the help of Monique Nakagawa and Marci Totten. Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza worked with the Assessment Committee and the Academic Senate to facilitate some important changes to the assessment process. Bev Madden and her team were helpful in producing online survey instruments. I also wish to thank David Locke who served admirably as our faculty SLO coordinator and was an important resource as our team worked to respond to the recommendation.

Most importantly, I want to thank our deans and all of you. I know that you are on the "front lines" and that you must juggle many priorities. You all stepped up to help the College complete the work necessary to meet this accreditation recommendation.

Vice Chancellor Nunez has a tag line that I like: "One Team". This was clearly one of those "One Team" efforts.

With gratitude,

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