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Dear Mr. Fernandez,

The College has completed its process its Comprehensive Program Review. We would like to thank you for all the work you have put into providing the College with detailed information on your programs through the Program Review Self-Evaluation. The following comments, commendations and recommendations are the culmination of a campus-wide validation process that included the Strategic Planning Committee, Educational Planning Subcommittee, Facilities Planning Subcommittee, Technology Planning Subcommittee, Enrollment Management Committee, Learning Assessment Committee, Program Review and Viability Committee and the ELAC Shared Governance Council.

The following comments, commendations and recommendations are provided for incorporation in your annual planning. Each recommendation will need to be addressed in your Annual Update Plan (AUP) due at the end of September 2014. To be clear, these recommendations serve as part of our process for continual quality improvement. Typically, recommendations require planning improvements that will be implemented over time. Through collegial dialog on the recommendations, each department should develop a strategy for addressing the recommendations. The program review AUP allows a department to report on its efforts and identify needed resources. The Office of Institutional Effectiveness and the Program Review and Viability Committee are available to assist departments through this process.

**Comments:**

None

**Commendations:**

Commendation for the program’s success with accelerated curricular models.

Commendation for providing enhanced access to mathematics for community youth.
Recommendations:

1) That the program collaborate with Professional Development to share its expertise with accelerated curricular models with faculty in Math and other departments.

2) That the program coordinate with the Math and Noncredit departments to integrate curricular pathways.

3) That the program ensure representation at college shared governance and decision-making committees as appropriate.

4) That the program analyze in-class success rates and report its findings to the Educational Planning Subcommittee.

5) That the program provide accurate information in its program review, seeking assistance from its supervising administrator as needed.

6) That the program is currently at the “deficient” level for Program Learning Outcomes and must develop at least one Program of Services and associated Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs).

7) That the program develop an “in-reach” strategy to enroll ELAC students in this innovative model.

Thank you again for your dedicated work on improving the College and your programs.

Sincerely,

Marvin Martinez  
President  
East Los Angeles College

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