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Dr. Armando Rivera-Figueroa, Director
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Dear Dr. Rivera-Figueroa,

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:
None

Recommendations:
1) That the program develop and implement a specific plan of action to help the college close the equity gap.

2) That the program work with the Dean of South Gate to identify ways that the program can provide robust tutoring services at the South Gate Center to complement tutoring services currently provided by other departments.
3) That the program develop and implement a plan to regularly outreach to students at South Gate.

4) That the program increase involvement in the Student Services Outcome (SSO) process as they are currently at the “developing” level.

5) That MESA revise the goals in its program plan so that all items listed as goals are indeed goals.

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

Sincerely,

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