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Dear Ms. Ahorro,

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:
The unit should feel encouraged to follow up on their interest in collaborating with Student Services on the orientation.

Commendations:
None

Recommendations:
1) That the unit encourage and provide opportunities for its classified employees to participate on shared governance committees, given its large number of classified employees.
2) That, given its budget and accounting expertise, the unit annually present to the Budget Committee formal suggestions for reallocating available fiscal resources for advancing student success and student equity efforts.

3) That the program increase involvement in Administrative Unit Outcomes (AUO) as they are currently at the “awareness” level.

4) That the unit revise its program plan so that only goals, not resources, are listed in the “department goals” column.

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

Sincerely,

Marvin Martinez
President
East Los Angeles College

cc: E. De Ocampo, Interim Vice President