



COLLEGE
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REDWOODS

April 9, 2009

Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges
10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204
Novato, CA 94949

Dear Dr. Smith and Dr. Barr,

College of the Redwoods faculty continues to embrace accreditation standards as the framework that guides the district's work. We are pleased that the Commission recognized the district's progress towards meeting the standards, as shown by CR's removal from warning status this spring. However, since that change in status, the Academic Senate believes that actions by district leadership have significantly marginalized faculty participation in CR's compliance process.

A general lack of collaborative and broad-based discussion is our main concern. More specifically, faculty are now informed of decisions rather than asked for input on the front end. Faculty have raised these concerns with administrators and the Board on numerous occasions, yet these concerns remain unresolved. Attached you will find a partial list of those concerns in our April 2009 Senate Brief that was presented to the Board for their April 6 meeting. We believe that many of the administrative actions cited are violations of AB1725, CR's policies, and are not consistent with the work the ACCJC has asked us to do. These deviations from the ACCJC standards will impair the district's ability to show that we are meeting standards in our regular 2011 report.

During previous Commission team visits, it was made clear to faculty that it is our responsibility to inform administrators, the Board, and if necessary, the Commission of our concerns. Therefore, we bring faculty concerns directly to your attention.

We were pleased to be informed that the Commission's visiting team will meet with the Academic Senate on April 17 during our regular Senate meeting, and we are eager to adjust the agenda as needed to suit your schedule. Additionally, or as an option should your schedule require

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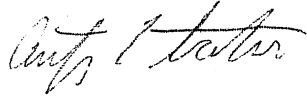



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adjustment we are able to convene a smaller group consisting of the Senate Executive Committee, the Senate copresidents, the Senate's Ad Hoc Accreditation Standards Committee, and several key faculty (BSI Coordinator, Program Review Committee member, and Assessment Coordinator).

We look forward to meeting with you.

Respectfully,

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