RESPONSE TO ACCREDITATION COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES EVALUATION REPORT OF LOS ANGELES SOUTHWEST COLLEGE JULY 9, 2012

As President of Los Angeles Southwest College (LASC), I want to assure our community and college constituencies that we take the concerns of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) very seriously. We will take full responsibility for responding comprehensively to the six (6) recommendations made by the ACCJC.

These six recommendations focus on ensuring that LASC’s planning processes are adequately validated and evaluated, the college website is functional and maintained, distance learning students have the same access to services as students in face-to-face classes, library services, materials and collections are reviewed and updated and resources provided to maintain them, professional development is enhanced, and actions and recommendations of committees are fully documented and disseminated throughout the college.

The visiting team’s commendations to the college made it clear that LASC is committed to student success and dedicated to student learning. It is the strength of this commitment that will guide us in addressing these issues successfully by March 2013. The faculty, staff, and administration of LASC have already begun the process of responding to the recommendations. The evaluation report and letter of action on accreditation can be found on the LASC website (www.lasc.edu) and on the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) website (www.laccd.edu). The ACCJC provides information on the topic at www.accjc.org. Accreditation update newsletters are regularly posted on LASC’s homepage, at www.lasc.edu.