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Dear Dr. Mangel:

The Commission's Interim Report Committee has completed its review of the Fourth-Year Report from the University of California, Santa Cruz. This report was scheduled by the Commission following the last on-site visit to UCSC in May 1994. The Commission designated that the fourth-year report focus on the recommendations of the visiting team.

In acting to receive the report, the Committee commended the University on its careful attention to all of the 37 recommendations made by the visiting team. The University's report was particularly comprehensive, detailing its actions in regard to each of the recommendations and evaluating its progress in the four thematic areas.

The University of California, Santa Cruz has a distinctive mission as a research university with a focus on undergraduate education. Given that mission the Committee was particularly interested in the University's efforts to support improved teaching, including its participation in the AAHE project on peer collaboration and review of teaching and its other initiatives to evaluate teaching beyond end of the quarter student evaluations. It was also struck by the comparative data on the percentage of bachelor degree recipients from UCSC who went on to receive doctoral degrees.

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The Committee found your reports, *Making Diversity Work* and *UCSC At a Crossroads: Advisory Report of the Millennium Committee*, to be a helpful supplements to the narrative prepared for WASC. The University has experienced major leadership change and embarked upon numerous significant initiatives over the last few years. The commitment to a distinctive mission remains consistent throughout.

The Committee acted to receive the report. We continue with our plans for the next comprehensive visit in the spring of 2004. Please contact this office if you have any comments or questions about the Committee's action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Judie Gaffin Wexler".

Judie Gaffin Wexler, Ph.D.
Associate Director

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cc: M.R.C. Greenwood, Chancellor
Ralph Wolff
Interim Report Committee