Los Angeles Mission College
College Council Retreat
August 20, 2013

PARTICIPANT SURVEY REPORT
The Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) Office of Institutional Effectiveness conducted a participant survey for the 2013 College Council Retreat which took place on August 20, 2013. Survey respondents were asked to rate the quality of the retreat as a whole as well as the seven agenda activities individually, and to give feedback on ways to improve future retreats. A total of 14 responses were received.

Overall, the level of satisfaction with the August 20th Retreat was high, with two-thirds of respondents (66.7 percent) rating it as "very good" and one-third (33.3 percent) rating it as "good." No respondents rated the retreat as "fair," "poor" or "very poor." Furthermore, the vast majority (91.7 percent) of respondents indicated that this year's retreat was "better than past retreats." One respondent (8.3 percent) indicated that it was "about the same as past retreats." No respondents indicated that it was "not as good as past retreats."

On the whole, all seven agenda activities were rated highly, as either "very good" or "good," with only three agenda activities receiving ratings of "fair" and no agenda activities receiving ratings of "poor" or "very poor." The agenda activities that received the highest ratings were the Collegiality Presentation and Discussion and the LAMC Report on District Strategic Plan Alignment and Performance Measures (the data presentation). For both activities, 11 out of 14 respondents (78.6 percent) rated the session as "very good" and the remaining three respondents (21.4 percent) rated it as "good." The activity that received the lowest rating was the Shared Governance Committee Breakouts (to align committees' Master Plan goals with LAMC Strategic Plan goals and District Strategic Plan goals). This activity received six "very good" ratings (42.9 percent), five ratings of "good" and three ratings of "fair".

Figure 1 summarizes the ratings for all seven agenda items. All respondents (100 percent) agreed that materials were "used effectively for each agenda item."

The aspects of the retreat that respondents found most interesting, valuable and/or useful (based on their open-ended responses) were:

- The interactivity and collegiality of the retreat;
- The wide variety of topics discussed;
- The District Plan and the LAMC Report on strategic plan alignment;
- The data regarding student achievement;
- The school safety video.

Additional activities suggested for future retreats (based on respondents’ open-ended responses) included:

- An evaluation of the entire planning process;
- Discussion of progress on performance measures from each VP;
- Progress report on learner-centered goals;
- Discussion on the budget priorities of the coming year(s);
- Discussion on how to make College Council meetings more productive and have less overlap with Flex Day activities;
- Better focused small group activities;
- An additional spring mini retreat as a follow-up to the fall retreat.

**Figure 1: Ratings for Each Agenda Activity**

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<th>Agenda Activity</th>
<th>Very Good</th>
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<th>Fair</th>
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<td>Accreditation Update</td>
<td>9 (64.3%)</td>
<td>4 (28.6)</td>
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<td>School Safety and Emergency Response Presentation</td>
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<td>District Strategic Plan Presentation</td>
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<td>Discussion of Mission Statement Review Process</td>
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In summary, respondents rated the fall retreat very highly and felt that the retreat was "very well organized" and that "all presentations were well thought out and informative."