# **Major Findings and Recommendations of the 2016 External Evaluation Team**

#### **College Commendations**

#### **College Commendation 1**

The team commends the College for its inclusive, engaging and robust dialogue undertaken during the annual program review process in support of program planning and student success.

# **College Commendation 2**

The team commends the College for receiving the 2016 Higher Education Champion for Excellence in Transfer award from the Campaign for College Opportunity for their development of associate degrees for transfer.

#### **College Commendation 3**

The team commends the College for intentionally providing comprehensive services to diverse student populations to ensure their success needs are met, especially in the following areas: outreach efforts linking the College with the community, the one-stop veterans' center, and the Guided Pathways to Success (GPS) program for new students.

# **College Commendation 4**

The team commends the College for its professional development activities, including the year-long New Faculty Orientation (NFO) and the well-developed faculty handbook.

### **College Commendation 5**

The team commends the College for its esprit de corps, empowering students and for embodying its "students first" philosophy through the integration of academic and student services programs.