January 29, 2010

Dr. Rockne Freitas
Chancellor
Hawai‘i Community College
200 W. Kawili Street
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Dear Chancellor Freitas:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Hawai‘i Community College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the institutional self study.

The Commission took action to accept the Midterm Report. Institutions are expected to meet Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. This will be confirmed at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.

The Commission notes that Hawai‘i Community College provided detailed description of the work accomplished in the area of institutional long-term planning, program review and department planning, assessment of student learning, facilities issues, and governance practices. In addition, the College provided ample evidence of the work accomplished and updated the Commission on is self-identified action plans. The Midterm Report was complete and supported by evidentiary documentation that each of the recommendations made by the comprehensive evaluation team has been met.

The Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. The Commission requires that you give the report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your college staff and to those who were signatories of your college report. This group should include the Vice President for Community Colleges, campus leadership, and the Board of Regents. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this.
Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Hawai'i Community College will occur in Fall 2012.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express my continuing interest in the institution's educational quality and students' success. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

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President

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    Mr. Howard H. Karr, Chair, Board of Regents, University of Hawai'i
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