



ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES
Western Association of Schools and Colleges

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February 5, 2016

Ms. Jonie Onishi
Interim Chancellor
Hawai'i Community College
200 W. Kawili Street
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Dear Chancellor Onishi:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2016, reviewed the Midterm Report, submitted by Hawai'i Community College, and evidentiary materials. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the college chancellor certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies, and whether it responded to Commission directives provided in the action letter of February 6, 2015.

After considering the written material noted above, the Commission finds that with the exception of Standard III.A.1.c., the College has demonstrated it has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Eligibility Requirements and the Standards previously identified in the 2012 comprehensive evaluation team report and linked to College Recommendations 1 through 4, and University of Hawai'i Community College System Recommendations 1 through 5. The Midterm Report also included the status of the College's Actionable Improvement Plans from the Self Evaluation Report of 2012.

The Commission determined the college has not provided evidence to demonstrate that it meets Standard III.A.1.c by consistently adhering to the UH Policy for all faculty evaluations (full- and part-time). The Commission acted to require a Follow-Up Report **March 15, 2016**.¹ The report must demonstrate that Hawai'i Community College consistently adheres to the University of Hawai'i Policy and meets Standard III.A.1.c.

The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who signatories of your Midterm Report. This group should include the University of Hawai'i Vice President for Community Colleges, campus leadership, and the Board of Regents. The College should also make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing a copy on the College website.

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Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Hawai'i Community College undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. The Commission encourages the College's continued work to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the college and the ACCJC work together to encourage continuous quality improvement in higher education. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter or the Commission action, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We'd be glad to help you.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D
President

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cc: Dr. John Morton, Vice President for Community Colleges, University of Hawaii System

¹ Institutions preparing and submitting Midterm Reports, Follow-Up Reports, and Special Reports to the Commission should review *Guidelines for the Preparation of Reports to the Commission* found on the ACCJC website at: (<http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc>).