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Dr. Mary Okada President/CEO Guam Community College P.O. Box 23069 GMF Barrigada, Guam 96921

Dear President Okada:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 3-5, 2015, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Guam Community College. The Midterm Report was certified by college leadership, including the chair of the governing board, the college president, Accreditation Liaison Officer, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the College Midterm Report and evidence submitted, the Commission finds that the College has sustained the work accomplished after the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Standards previously identified in the comprehensive team report and linked to Recommendations 1 through 4. The Midterm Report also provided an update on the Self-identified Actionable Improvement Plans from the 2012 Self Evaluation Report.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year cycle. It is expected that the changes and improvements noted in the Midterm Report will be sustained. This will be verified at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit. The College will submit its Institutional Self Evaluation of Educational Quality and Institutional Effectiveness Report in preparation for the comprehensive review in **spring 2018**.

The Midterm Report submitted in spring 2015 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Midterm Report. This group should include the campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that these documents be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please* 

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note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now 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 encourage your continued work to ensure Guam Community College's educational quality and to support students' success. Professional self-regulation is the responsibility of an accredited college and the accreditor. Thank you for sharing in that responsibility.

Sincerely,

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