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Hon. Senator Joe S. San Agustin Chairperson, Committee on Education 34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature 761 S. Marine Corps Drive Ran Care Bldg, Ste 3 Tamuning, Guam 96931

Dear Senator San Agustin:

This is to respectfully inform the Committee on Education at the 34<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature that Guam Community College (GCC) will undergo a four-day visit by an accreditation team in March 2018. This letter is intended to serve a two-fold purpose:

- 1. To provide public notification of this upcoming accreditation review to the Legislature through your committee; and
- 2. Through your respective offices, to solicit third party comment from constituents of Guam who may be interested to offer any feedback regarding the educational services that GCC provides to the community-at-large.

The team visit by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), under the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) will be held at the GCC campus from **March 6 (Tuesday) to March 9 (Friday).** The team will consist of about 10-12 colleagues (faculty and administrators) who will be selected from colleges across California, Hawaii and the Pacific.

Our last successful accreditation visit was in 2012 and with the strong support that the Education Committee has provided us through budget appropriations in the past six years, we are confident that your continued support will ensure that the college retains its accredited status after the visit.

Please direct any third party comment that you receive about GCC to the following email addresses: <a href="mailto:gccpresident@guamcc.edu">gccpresident@guamcc.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:avpgcc@guamcc.edu">avpgcc@guamcc.edu</a>.

Sincerely,

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