

June 25, 2014

Joanne Itano, PhD  
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Dear Dr. Itano:

In its March 2013 letter to President Greenwood, the Commission expressed several areas of concern related to the operations of the University of Hawaii System Office. These included evidences of external interference in the academic responsibilities of the office, policy gaps exposed by recent problematic events, system-to-campus lines of authority, and the role of the Board of Regents in overseeing these matters. The Commission's concern was that these issues could, if not addressed, affect the accreditation of the entire University, especially the senior campuses accredited by the Commission.

Specific information about actions take to address each of these concerns, as requested by the Commission, was received in our office in April 2013. Upon review of these reports, President Petrisko and I have determined that the matters have been appropriately addressed. As a result, the site visit to the system office previously proposed by the Commission will not be necessary. Our office anticipates that the actions taken to address these areas of concern will be consistently implemented.

With best regards,



Richard Winn  
Senior Vice President  
Liaison to University of Hawaii System Office