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Dr. David McClain President University of Hawai`i 2444 Dole Street Bachman Hall Honolulu, HI 96822

Dear President McClain:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting on January 9-11, 2008, reviewed the Special Report submitted by the University of Hawai'i Community College System and the report of the evaluation team which visited on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. The Commission took action to accept the report and commend the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges and the System office for the work accomplished.

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I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. 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 system and campus leadership and the Board of Trustees. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this. The Special Report will become part of the accreditation history of the college and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution=s educational programs and services. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and quality.

All colleges are required to file a Midterm Report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges should submit their Midterm Reports by **October 15, 2009**. Midterm Reports indicate resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, include a summary of progress on college-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecast where the college expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

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Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of University of Hawai'i Community Colleges will occur in **fall 2012**.

Sincerely,

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