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July 3, 2013

Dr. Joseph Daisy
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Dear President Daisy:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2013, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by the College, the report of the evaluation team that visited March 25-27, 2013, the additional materials and presentation made by College representatives. The Commission took action to remove Probation, **reaffirm accreditation**, and require the College to submit a **Follow-Up Report by March 15, 2014**.¹

The Follow-Up Report should demonstrate that the institution has completely addressed Recommendation 6 below, resolved deficiencies, and meets Accreditation Standards:

Recommendation 6. *Physical Resources*

To fully meet this standard, the college must develop a facilities master plan that reflects the institution's long-term educational goals and plans and is linked to an identified, reliable, and ongoing funding source that supports the total cost of facilities ownership (III.B.2.a).

Additionally, the Commission is concerned about sustained funding from the Federated States of Micronesia government and the government's commitment to offset any shortages resulting from reductions in funding from the Compact of Free Association. The lack of a sustainable funding source would jeopardize the College's ability to carry out its mission.

The Follow-Up Report submitted in March 2013 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. 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 campus leadership and the Board of Regents.

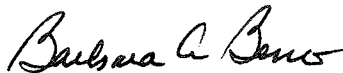
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The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up Report, the Follow-Up Visit Report, and this Commission action letter be made available to students and the public by placing a copy on the College website. *Please note that in response to public interest in disclosure, the Commission now requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no farther than one click from the institution's home page.* If you would like an electronic copy of the Follow-Up Visit Report, please contact Commission staff.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed the recommendations and resolved all deficiencies made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. At the time of the next regularly scheduled visit, the evaluation team will examine evidence in order to confirm that the College's described changes and steps taken to achieve full compliance with Standards have been sustained. The College of Micronesia-FSM will undergo its next comprehensive review in **spring 2016**.

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

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Ms. Frankie Harriss, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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¹Institutions 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*. It contains the background, requirements, and format for each type of report and presents sample cover pages and certification pages. It is available on the ACCJC website under College Reports to ACCJC at: (<http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc>).