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July 3, 2013

Dr. Patrick Tellei
President
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Dear President Tellei:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 5-7, 2013, considered the Midterm Report submitted by Palau Community College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been addressed by the institution and that the College had also provided an update on the self-identified planning agendas which were included in the Institutional Self Evaluation Report.

The Commission noted that Palau Community College responded to all four College recommendations from the 2010 comprehensive evaluation visit and reviewed progress on self-identified plans for improvement in its Midterm Report. The College developed and implemented an institutional planning and assessment process that reviews and revises all planning to ensure broad feedback and college-wide dialogue. With the hiring of a new librarian, services to students will be increased through increased collaboration between library staff and faculty. Library programs are assessed and improvements are implemented based on those assessments. Human resources policies and practices are now reviewed on a regular basis, and the College is fully staffed with qualified personnel who are evaluated on a regular basis.

Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. In accordance with U.S. Department of Education regulations, institutions are expected to have fully resolved all deficiencies within two years of when they were first identified to the College, and to have addressed all recommendations. 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 Midterm Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. 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 the campus leadership and the Board of Regents.

Dr. Patrick Tellei
Palau Community College
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The Commission also requires that the Midterm 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.*

The next comprehensive evaluation of Palau Community College will occur 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 integrity, effectiveness, and educational quality.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Ms. Deikola Olikong, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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