



ACCREDITING COMMISSION for COMMUNITY and JUNIOR COLLEGES
Western Association of Schools and Colleges

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February 5, 2016

Dr. Leon Richards
Chancellor
Kapi'olani Community College
4303 Diamond Head Road
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Dear Chancellor Richards:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2016, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Kapi'olani Community College and the evidentiary materials also submitted. College leadership, including the president of the governing board and the college chancellor certified the Report. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the College continues to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards and Commission policies.

After considering the written material noted above, the Commission finds that with the exception of Standard III.A.1.c, the College has demonstrated that it has sustained the work accomplished since the last comprehensive evaluation and has maintained compliance with Eligibility Requirements and the Standards previously identified in the 2012 comprehensive evaluation team report and linked to College Recommendations 1 through 9, and University of Hawai'i Community College System Recommendations 1 through 5, with the exception of Standard III.A.1.c. The Midterm Report also included the status of the College's Actionable Improvement Plans from the Self Evaluation Report of 2012.

The Commission acted to require the college to submit a Follow-Up Report.¹ The Report should provide evidence that demonstrates that the College meets Standard III.A.1.c and consistently adheres to the UH Policy for all faculty evaluations (full- and part-time), as requested in the February 6, 2015 Commission action letter. The Report is due by **March 15, 2016**.

The Commission requires that you give the Midterm Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of your Midterm Report. This group should include the University of Hawai'i Vice President for Community Colleges, campus leadership, and the Board of Regents. You should also make these documents available to all campus constituencies and the public by placing a copy on the college website.

Dr. Leon Richards
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Please note that in response to public interest in accreditation, the Commission requires institutions to post accreditation information on a page no more than one click from the institution's home page.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express appreciation for the work that Kapi'olani Community College undertook to prepare the Midterm Report. The Commission encourages the College's continued work to ensure educational quality and to support student success. Accreditation and peer review are most effective when the college and the ACCJC work together to encourage continuous quality improvement in higher education. Thank you for sharing the values and the work of accreditation.

If you have any questions concerning the Commission action, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the ACCJC Vice Presidents. We'd be glad to help you.

Sincerely,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D
President

cc: Dr. John Morton, Vice President for Community Colleges, University of Hawai'i System

¹ Institutions 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* found on the ACCJC website at: (<http://www.accjc.org/college-reports-accjc>).