January 29, 2010

Dr. Douglas Dykstra
Chancellor
Windward Community College
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Dear Chancellor Dykstra:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Midterm Report submitted by Windward 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 study.

The Commission took action to accept the Midterm Report. Institutions are expected to meet Standards at all times during the six-year review cycle and to provide evidence that they have addressed and resolved all recommendations made by the previous comprehensive evaluation team. This will be confirmed at the time of the next regularly scheduled visit.

The Commission notes that Windward Community College provided evidence that it has adequately responded to the recommendations for improvement relating to strategic planning; program reviews and annual assessment tied to planning and resource allocation; addressing the needs of at-risk students; funding for a new library facility; and the evaluation of its governance procedures. The report included evidence that each recommendation had been met and included progress on the self-identified action plans listed in its Self Study Report.

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 Vice President for Community Colleges, campus leadership and the Board of Regents. The Commission also requires that all reports be made available to students and the public. Placing copies in the college library can accomplish this.
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Please note that the next comprehensive evaluation of Windward Community College will occur in **Fall 2012**.

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 quality.

Sincerely,

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President

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