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February 6, 2015

Mr. Manuel Cabral
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Dear Chancellor Cabral:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 7-9, 2015, reviewed the Follow-Up Report submitted by Leeward Community College. The Follow-Up Report was certified by system and college leadership, including the Chair of the Board of Regents, the Chair of the Board Committee for Community Colleges, the Vice President for Community Colleges, the College Chancellor, and leaders of the faculty, staff, and student organizations.

Based on the College Report and the evidence submitted, the Commission finds that Leeward Community College has addressed UH System Recommendations 4 and 5 and has fully resolved the deficiencies in UH System policies, procedures, and practices which led to noncompliance with Standards II.A1.b, II.A.1.c, II.A.2.c, III.A.1.c, III.C.1, III.C.1.c, III.C.2, IV.B1.e, and IV.B.1.g.

While the College has addressed the Commission Requirement concerning Standard III.A.1.c, the Commission is concerned that implementation of and adherence to the UH Policy is inconsistent as to ensuring faculty (full-time and part-time) evaluations include the component of effectiveness in producing learning outcomes. The College should demonstrate consistent adherence to UH Policies in this regard in its Midterm Report.

The next report required from the College will be the Midterm Report in fall 2015. Institutions are expected to meet Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies at all times during the six-year review cycle. Leeward Community College must demonstrate to the Commission at the time of the Midterm Report that the recent changes implemented to resolve deficiencies and meet Eligibility Requirements and Standards have been sustained, and specifically address the concerns related to Standard III.A.1.c. Leeward Community College should submit the **Midterm Report by October 15, 2015.**¹

The Follow-Up Report submitted in October 2014 will become part of the accreditation history of the College. The Commission requires that you give the Follow-Up Report and this letter appropriate dissemination to your College staff and to those who were signatories of the Report. This group should include the UH Vice President for Community Colleges, campus leadership, and the Board of Regents.

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The Commission also requires that the Follow-Up 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 more than one click from the institution's home page.*

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,



Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.
President

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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>.