January 29, 2010

Dr. Helen Cox
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Kauai Community College
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Dear Chancellor Cox:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting January 6-8, 2010, reviewed the Focused Midterm Report submitted by Kauai Community College. The purpose of this review was to assure that the recommendations made by the evaluation team had been resolved by the institution and that the college had also addressed the self-identified plans for improvement which were included in the institutional self study.

The Commission took action to accept the Focused 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 the Focused Midterm Report submitted by Kauai Community College stated that the college has fully addressed the recommendations related to the development of a governance manual; is in the process of addressing the recommendations for improvement related to the review of the mission statement; measuring institutional success in accomplishing its goals; and meeting the needs of the underprepared student population.

The Focused 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 Vice President for Community Colleges, campus leadership, and the Board of Trustees. 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 Kauai 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 institutional integrity, effectiveness, and quality.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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