

April 28, 2017

Dr. Robert Underwood President University of Guam 303 University Drive UOG Station Mangilao, Guam 96923

## Dear President Underwood:

The Commission's letter of July 8, 2016 requested that the University of Guam (UOG) prepare a progress report due April 1, 2017 that provided information on the 6-year and 8-year graduation rates for off-island Micronesian student populations.

The materials that were submitted were reviewed by WSCUC staff, and a member of the 2016 reaffirmation of accreditation team. This letter confirms that the University of Guam satisfactorily met the requirements of the progress report.

The University of Guam is to be commended for preparing a responsive, thoughtful, and comprehensive progress report. The institution provided a detailed description of the analyses undertaken thus far, a reflective assessment of what has been learned as a result of the analyses, the steps the university has taken to address the findings; including launching five new initiatives designed to improve the retention and academic success of Micronesian students and making relevant data more readily available (e.g., regularly integrating data specific to the success of transfer students into the University's Fact Book). The University of Guam continues to take its accreditation-related work very seriously and to provide ample evidence of a commitment to continuous improvement.

The institution also shared a copy of the articulation agreement renewal with the College of Micronesia (FSM) incorporating the University of Guam's new general education framework, which will take effect in fall 2017. The university is to be commended for offering transfer students over the next three years the option of completing their degrees under the old or new general education framework so that students are not impeded or delayed in timely completion of their degrees at UOG.

The next scheduled interactions with WSCUC are:

Interim Report Fall 2019
Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2020
Offsite Review Fall 2023
Accreditation Visit Spring 2024

Please contact me if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to be helpful.

Sincerely,

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