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June 30, 2009

Dr. Carmen Fernandez  
President  
Northern Marianas College  
P. O. Box 1250  
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Dear President Fernandez:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, at its meeting June 9 – 11, 2009, reviewed the Show Cause Report submitted by the college, the report of the evaluation team which visited Monday, April 20 – Thursday, April 23, 2009, and information presented by college representatives. The Commission took action to accept the report, **remove Show Cause**, and **reaffirm accreditation**. The Commission also acted to require a visit by Commission representatives following the submission of the October 15, 2009 Midterm Report. The purpose of the visit will be to evaluate the sustainability of the actions taken by the College to resolve the recommendations resulting from the 2006 comprehensive visit.

The Show Cause Report will become part of the accreditation history of the College and should be used, in conjunction with the comprehensive team report, in preparing for the next comprehensive evaluation. I have previously sent you a copy of the evaluation team report. Additional copies may now be duplicated. 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 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. Should you want an electronic copy of the report, please contact Commission staff.

All colleges are required to file a **Midterm Report** in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. Northern Marianas College should submit the Midterm Report by **October 15, 2009**. Midterm Reports indicate resolution of any team recommendations made for improvement, include a summary of progress on College-identified plans for improvement as expressed in the Self Study Report, and forecast where the College expects to be by the time of the next comprehensive evaluation.

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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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Beno".

Barbara A. Beno, Ph.D.  
President

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cc: Dr. Debra Cabrera, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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