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Dr. Sharon Hart
President
Northern Marianas College
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Dear President Hart:

Commission staff and Dr. Karen Graham, Baccalaureate Expert, as representatives from the Committee on Substantive Change of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges visited the Northern Marianas College (NMC) Baccalaureate Degree program in Education on October 21-22, 2013. The purpose of the visit was to verify assertions made in the NMC Proposal to offer the program and review supporting evidence.

The Committee on Substantive Change at their meeting on October 24, 2013, acted to approve the NMC Proposal.

On behalf of the Commission, I wish to express continuing interest in the institution's educational programs and services. It remains the College's responsibility to inform the Commission of any program change. Professional self-regulation is the most effective means of assuring integrity, effectiveness and educational quality.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Clifford, Ed.D.
Vice President

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Cc: Ms. Amanda Allen, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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