

**GUAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees**

REAFFIRMATION OF AUTONOMY

WHEREAS, Guam Community College was created by Public Law 14-77 (as amended by Public Law 31-99 in 2011); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1V, Section 11982 of Public Law 14-77, states the following:

"Except as expressly provided for herein and notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the College shall be autonomous and self-sufficient in matters pertaining to its governance, organization and administration and the promulgation of its rules and regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Adjudication Law (Title XXV of this Code) pertaining to the following:

- (1) courses of instruction;
- (2) issuance of certificates, diplomas, credits and degrees;
- (3) personnel recruitment, appointment, tenure, promotion, dismissal and other personnel matters;
- (4) obligation and disposition of funds, provided that appropriated funds are used for the purpose or purposes provided in the Act appropriating said funds; and
- (5) soliciting, receiving and using gifts of any kind whatsoever for the purposes provided in this Chapter."; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees believes that the autonomy of Guam Community College is vital to fulfilling its responsibilities to the community as mandated by law; and

WHEREAS, the institution's autonomy is also of critical importance in complying with the Accreditation Standards of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Accrediting Commission has expressed concerns regarding GCC's autonomy in its 1984 Accreditation Report and in its 1986 Visiting Team Report; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Guam and the 19th Guam Legislature have expressed their concern regarding the institution's accreditation by enacting Public Law 19-13; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees realizes that Guam Community College must continue to have substantial autonomy in personnel and fiscal matters if the College is to fulfill its responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does, hereby, reaffirm its commitment to maintaining the autonomy of Guam Community College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall take such reasonable action as is necessary to maintain that autonomy.

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