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His Excellency David Panuelo
The President
Federated States of Micronesia
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Dear President Panuelo:

According to Section 9 of P.L. 7-79, the college's enabling law, the college must notify the President of the Nation of the upcoming expiration of the term for board members 90 days before the actual expiration of the board member's term. This is to inform you that Regent Johannes Berdon who represents the Chuuk State will be completing his second term in August of this year and to follow up on our letter of August 20, 2020, informing you of the pending expiration in September 2020 for Regent Pelma Mingi.

In making your appointments, we would like to draw your attention to Section 6(2) of the law which states, "Members...shall represent diverse elements of the population of the States and the Nation, including, but not limited to, business and industry, education, and community service organizations." Diversity of interests on the Board is also an accreditation mandate. We hope you will consider someone from a group not yet included for a more rounded representation on the board.

In addition, Accreditation Standard speaks to staggered terms to ensure continuity on the board. The terms of two more regents expire in the latter part of this year. Having four seats filled around the same time will negate staggered terms on the board.

We, therefore, request your timely appointments as well as consideration of our accreditation concerns. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continuous interest in the college.

Sincerely,

Karen Simion
Interim President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Board of Regents