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His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr.
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Dear President Whipps:

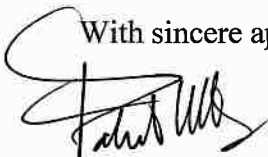
It is with great appreciation that I convey the successful outcome of our recent application to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) for them to bestow accredited status to our newly developed 4-year degree program: Bachelor of Science in Science. On August 14th, the ACCJC Substantive Change Committee met to review our application and 'acted to approve the substantive change'!

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Yes, Palau Community College has received official approval from our governing Board Of Trustees (April 9, 2025) and the ACCJC (August 14, 2025) to offer the Bachelor of Science in Science program – our inaugural baccalaureate degree. This milestone would not have been possible without your valued letter of endorsement. Your letter served to strengthen our proposal and affirmed the broader value of expanding science education in the Republic of Palau. Your leadership and vision for the development of our only post-secondary institution are invaluable as we strive to empower our students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in today's rapidly evolving world.

This new Bachelor of Science in Science program represents a significant step forward for PCC and, by extension, for the people of Palau. It will provide greater access to advanced education and foster a new generation of professionals equipped to tackle our nation's challenges.

Your excellency, thank you once again for your unwavering support. We are excited about the future and look forward to working closely with your administration to further the educational opportunities for our citizens and residents alike!

With sincere appreciation,


Dr. Patrick U. Tellei
President

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