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Majuro, March 14, 2025 – The College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) has provided an update on its progress and addressed concerns raised by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). In a formal response, former CMI Board Chair Kathryn M. Relang outlined the institution’s recent developments, emphasizing transparency, governance, and student support.

Following public hearings in October 2024, CMI has taken significant steps to enhance its operational efficiency and communication. Under the leadership of President Dr. David Newnham, the college has implemented regular faculty and management meetings, addressing key issues such as faculty contracts, workload, evaluations, and governance.

Infrastructure improvements, including installation of backup generators and upgrading of learning facilities, are underway. The college also acknowledged past challenges with financial audits and vendor payments, and has implemented corrective measures to address future delays.

CMI has submitted its Midterm Report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), which is due on March 15, reaffirming its compliance with accreditation Standards. Additionally, the college clarified policies on tuition, dormitory fees, and financial aid, ensuring students receive accurate information. The college received confirmation today from ACCJC affirming that it meets Accreditation Standards 2.4, 3.1, 3.3, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.10, and 4.2. The Commission also noted that the college is actively addressing and resolving its delayed audits to fulfill ACCJC Eligibility 5 requirements.

Despite hurdles, CMI reported a 10% increase in enrollment and improved student engagement over fall 2024. The percentage of students completing 30 credits and thus being on track to on-time completion tripled to 24%. The board reaffirmed its commitment to institutional growth, welcoming collaboration with PAC and other stakeholders to strengthen the college’s future, and encouraged the CMI President to continue to actively work with all college constituencies in the spirit of participatory governance.

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