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To Whom It May Concern:

This is to verify that WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) accredits Brigham Young University-Hawaii. Brigham Young University-Hawaii was granted Initial Accreditation October 31, 1959. Brigham Young University-Hawaii continues to be accredited by WSCUC at present.

WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) accredits baccalaureate and graduate degree-granting institutions in California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands. *All programs, courses and departments are included under this accreditation, including off-campus programs.* 

Accreditation is an important form of institutional accountability designed to serve the higher education community, prospective and current students, their parents, and the general public. Accreditation certifies that an institution meets established standards and is achieving its own clearly defined objectives. Accreditation also encourages institutional development and improvement through self-study and periodic review. Federal and state governments consider accreditation a reliable indicator of institutional quality.

WSCUC Colleges is one of seven regional accrediting commissions, and is recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Sincerely,

Tarmia Lowe

**Accreditation Process Coordinator**