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Dear Dr. Arocho:

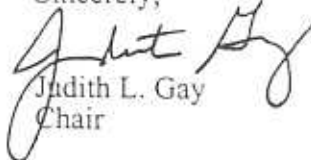
At its sessions on November 19-20, 2003, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to accept the follow-up report submitted by the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, and to request that the self-study, in preparation for the 2004-2005 evaluation visit, document (1) further development and implementation of a comprehensive long-range strategic plan which links long-range planning to decision-making and budgeting processes and includes timelines, priorities, assignments of responsibilities, and financial implications, and (2) implementation of a written plan for the assessment of institutional effectiveness and student learning and evidence that student learning assessment information is used to improve teaching and learning.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Statement of Accreditation Status for your institution. The Statement of Accreditation Status (SAS) provides important basic information about the institution and its affiliation with the Commission, and it is made available to the public upon request. Accreditation applies to the institution as detailed in the SAS; institutional information is derived from data provided by the institution through annual reporting and from Commission actions. If any of the institutional information is incorrect, please contact the Commission as soon as possible.

Please check to ensure that published references to your institution's accredited status (catalog, other publications, web page) include the full name, address, and telephone number of the accrediting agency. Further guidance is provided in the Commission's policy statement *Principles of Good Practice in Institutional Advertising, Student Recruitment, and Representation of Accredited Status*, a copy of which is enclosed.

Please be assured of the continuing interest of the Commission on Higher Education in the well-being of the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus. If any further clarification is needed regarding the SAS or other items in this letter, please feel free to contact Dr. George Santiago, Jr., Executive Associate Director.

Sincerely,


 Judith L. Gay
 Chair

Lic. Antonio Garcia Padilla, President, University of Puerto Rico
 Mr. Justo Reyes Torres, Interim Executive Director, Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education

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