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Dear President ^{Cam-}Preus:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 6-8, 2016, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted Blue Mountain Community College's Fall 2015 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report which included an addendum to address Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2014 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

The Commission determined that the College has satisfied the Commission's expectations regarding Recommendations 1, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2014 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

Blue Mountain Community College's next regularly scheduled evaluation is the Mid-Cycle Evaluation in Fall 2017. This Mid-Cycle Evaluation replaces the Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation and is intended to ascertain the institution's readiness to provide evidence (outcomes) of mission fulfillment and sustainability in the Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Evaluation. Please see the NWCCU website under "Forms" for "Guidelines for the Preparation of the Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report." As a reminder, the Commission has requested an addendum to the Fall 2017 Mid-Cycle Evaluation Report to address Recommendations 2 and 5 of the Fall 2014 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report as referenced in correspondence dated January 28, 2015.

As the College progresses toward its Mid-Cycle Evaluation, the Commission encourages the institution to focus clearly on its intended educational mission and articulation of student gains in learning outcomes. Please be guided by Eligibility Requirement 3 which states: "The institution's purpose is to serve the educational interests of its students and its principal programs lead to recognized degrees." Eligibility Requirement 11 states further that "The educational program(s) culminate in the achievement of clearly identified student learning outcomes, and lead to collegiate-level degree(s) with degree designation consistent with program content in recognized fields of study."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling new year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra E. Elman".

Sandra E. Elman
President

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cc: Mr. Dan Lange, Assistant to the President for Special Projects