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January 29, 2016

Dr. Steven L. VanAusdle
President
Walla Walla Community College
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Dear President ~~VanAusdle~~ ^{Atenc}:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Walla Walla Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2015 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendation 3 of the Fall 2012 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report. The Commission determined that Recommendation 3 of the Fall 2012 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report is now substantially in compliance with the Commission's criteria for accreditation.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College submit its Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report in Fall 2016. In addition, the Commission requests that the College submit an addendum to its Fall 2018 Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In taking these actions, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Walla Walla Community College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

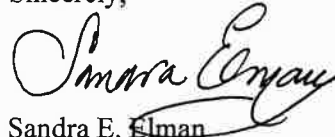
The Commission commends the College's students, faculty, staff, and administration for their individual and collective commitment to serving the community at large. In addition, the Commission applauds the collaboration between the Student Development Center, the Financial Aid Office, and the Department of Information Technology in the development of tools and resources that support the campus in engaging students toward their success. Moreover, the Commission finds noteworthy the College's implementation of its facility master plan, including a focus on strict sustainability standards, and in so doing, continuing to leverage the availability of funding sources to expand its physical infrastructure in support of mission fulfillment. Lastly, the Commission commends the College's faculty and staff for their commitment to a systematic and effective program of academic advising and support of student success.

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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 black ink that reads "Sandra E. Elman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "S" at the beginning.

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Marleen Ramsey, Vice President of Instruction, Chief Instructional Officer ✓
Mr. Miguel Sanchez, Board Chair
Mr. Gene Sharratt, Executive Director, Washington Student Achievement Council

Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Evaluation
Fall 2015
Walla Walla Community College
Recommendations

1. The evaluation committee recommends that the institution establish and implement, with Board of Trustee oversight, a process in which institutional policy is regularly reviewed, revised, clearly defined, and accessible to the organization and community (Standard 2.A.6, 2.A.17, 2.A.18, and 2.A.30).
2. The evaluation committee recommends that the institution develop and implement a systematic and college-wide general education assessment program (Standards 2.C.10, 2.C.11, 4.A.2, 4.A.3, and 4.B.2).
3. The evaluation committee recommends that the institution document, through an effective, regular, and comprehensive system of assessment, that students achieve identified learning outcomes at the course and transfer degree level. The College should then utilize the results of its assessments to inform academic and learning-support planning and practices that lead to the enhancement of student learning achievements (Standard 4.A.3 and 4.B.2).