



February 9, 2015

Dr. Bert Glandon President College of Western Idaho 6056 Birch Lane Nampa, ID 83687

Bert-Dear President Glandon:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 7-8, 2015, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted the College of Western Idaho's Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Report which was expanded to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2012 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report.

In accepting the report, the Commission determined that its expectations have been met with regard to Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2012 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report.

As the College of Western Idaho prepares for its initial accreditation evaluation in fall 2016, the Commission once again urges the leadership of the institution to be mindful of the impact of the rapid expansive growth of the College on its infrastructure. The Commission remains seriously concerned about the effects of that rapid growth on the capability of the institution to realistically demonstrate mission fulfillment and sustainability which is the essence of the initial accreditation evaluation.

The Commission encourages the institution to build upon its Mid-Cycle Evaluation efforts and to utilize its assessment strategies toward producing data-driven student learning outcomes that inform mission fulfillment and sustainability.

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

Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elma

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Dr. David Shellberg, Executive Vice President for Instruction and Student Services