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Dr. Kimberly Perry  
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Dear President Perry:

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 Bellingham Technical College's Fall 2015 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report which was expanded to again address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report and Recommendations 1, 2, 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 and 2 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report and Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 of the Fall 2014 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

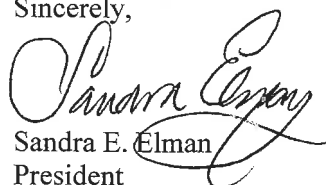
Bellingham Technical College's next regularly scheduled evaluation is the Mid-Cycle Evaluation in Fall 2017. This Mid-Cycle Evaluation replaces the Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation and is intended to ascertain the institution's readiness to provide evidence (outcomes) of mission fulfillment 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 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: "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,

  
Sandra E. Elman  
President

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