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Dr. Larry Galizio
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Dear President Galizio:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Clatsop Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Evaluation which was expanded to include a review of the sponsorship of Oregon Coast Community College. This matter was the subject of correspondence dated October 8, 2010. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

The policy of the Commission is not to grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Instead, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically. In the case of Clatsop Community College, the Commission requests that the College submit an addendum to its Spring 2012 Year One Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendations 2 and 3 of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. In addition, the Commission requests that the institution submit an addendum to its Spring 2014 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Clatsop Community College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.


The Commission commends the College for its caring, student-centered approach as exemplified throughout the College, including the Board, administration, faculty and staff. In addition, the Commission applauds the College faculty, staff, administration and students for their active partnerships with the community and the focus on community connections. Further, the College is commended for integrating active learning throughout the educational experience. The Commission finds noteworthy the strong partnership between the library and the instructional faculty, which results in the infusion of information literacy across the curriculum. Lastly, the Commission finds laudable the College's transformation of its facilities including the completion of the Jerome Campus Redevelopment Project which is attractive, sustainable, accessible, safe, and energy efficient.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,


Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

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Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report
Spring 2011
Clatsop Community College
Recommendations

1. The evaluation committee recommends that the College develop an integrated planning process that is inclusive, well-documented, articulates priorities, and guides decisions on resource allocations (Standard 3.A.1, 3.A.2 and 3.A.4).
2. The committee recommends that the College revisit the core theme objectives and indicators to holistically evaluate, align, correlate and integrate programs and services across College operations with respect to mission fulfillment (Standards 1.B.1, 3.B.1 and 4.A.4).
3. The committee recommends that the College document its assessment plan to ensure the regular and comprehensive assessment of programs, services, as well as educational courses, programs and degrees to achieve identified outcomes (Standard 4.A.2, 4.A.3 and 4.A.6).