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COMMISSION ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

July 16, 2003

Dr. Karen W. Morse
President
Western Washington University
516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-9033

Dear President ^{Karen}Morse:

On behalf of the Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Western Washington University has been reaffirmed on the basis of the recent regular fifth-year interim evaluation report and visit.

In taking this action, the Commission requests that Western Washington University prepare a progress report in spring 2005 to address General Recommendation 1 of the spring 2003 Regular Fifth-Year Interim Evaluation Report. For your reference, the recommendation states:

The evaluator recommends that the University continue implementation of its institutional assessment plan to ensure that assessment is integrated fully and thoroughly in all departments throughout the institution. While significant progress has been made in planning and some units have noteworthy successes, some programs have not yet identified and published learning outcomes. Furthermore, there does not appear to be consistency in reporting on how the evidence gathered on the "effectiveness of educational programs" results in "improvements in the program" as a result of the evaluation process (Standard Two *Educational Program and Its Effectiveness*; Policy 2.2 *Educational Assessment*).

We will write in fall 2004 regarding the spring 2005 progress report.

Best wishes for a rewarding 2003-2004 academic year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra E. Elman".

Sandra E. Elman
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. Andrew R. Bodman, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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