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February 10, 2011

Dr. Bruce Shepard
President
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Dear President Shepard: *Bruce*

On behalf of the Northwest 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 Fall 2010 Focused Interim Evaluation which addressed Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Spring 2008 Comprehensive Evaluation Report. This matter was the subject of Commission correspondence dated July 28, 2008. Congratulations on receiving this continued recognition.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the University submit an addendum to the institution's Spring 2013 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2010 Focused Interim Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission determined that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2010 Focused Interim Evaluation Report is an area where Western Washington University substantially meets the Commission's criteria for accreditation, but needs improvement.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

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

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Dr. Steven L. VanderStaay, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Director of Academic Assessment
Mr. Dennis Madsen, Chair, Board of Trustees
Ms. Ann Daley, Executive Director, Washington Higher Education Coordinating Board

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**Focused Interim Evaluation Report
Fall 2010
Western Washington University
Recommendation**

1. While the University has made progress in the implementation of its institution-wide plan of program assessment, the plan is still under development. Similarly, while progress has been made in assessment, there remain some instances where programs are only in the early stages of closing the loop and using the information generated to improve programs and inform resource decisions. It is recommended that the institution continue its efforts to address these issues (Standards 1.B, 2.B; and Policy 2.2).