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Dr. Rodolfo Arévalo  
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Dear President Arévalo: *Rodolfo*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Eastern Washington University has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2012 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2011 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2012 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Self-Evaluation Report without a visit in Spring 2013. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2012 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Eastern Washington University is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

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: Recommendation

cc: Dr. Ronald Dalla, Vice Provost of Graduate Education and Research ✓  
Ms. Bertha Ortega, Board of Trustees Chair

**Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report**  
**Spring 2012**  
**Eastern Washington University**  
**Recommendation**

1. Eastern Washington University has made significant progress in defining mission fulfillment. Each of its institutional indicators now has a benchmark. However, mission fulfillment is defined in terms of fulfillment of *objectives*. The peer evaluation committee is uncertain precisely how the institution proposes to use the achievement or non-achievement of benchmarks for *indicators* to determine the ratings of *objectives*. The committee recommends that EWU further clarify how performance on indicators determines mission fulfillment. The committee is also concerned that the weighting of each objective equally does not necessarily reflect the purpose and mission of the institution. The committee recommends that EWU consider how, or to what degree, each of the objectives relates to institutional purpose.