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Dr. Mary Cullinan  
President  
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Dear President Cullinan: <sup>Mary</sup>

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its June 21-23, 2016, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted Eastern Washington University's Spring 2016 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report which was expanded to address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2015 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Peer-Evaluation Report.

The Commission determined that the University has satisfied its expectations regarding Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report. However, the Commission further determined that the *Notice of Concern* issued for Recommendations 3 and 4 of the Spring 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report, which was the subject of Commission correspondence dated July 20, 2015, remains in effect. As a reminder, the University is requested to submit an Ad Hoc Report by September 15, 2016, to address Recommendations 3 and 4 of the Spring 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

The next regularly scheduled evaluation for Eastern Washington University is the Mid-Cycle Evaluation in Spring 2018. 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 you progress toward your Mid-Cycle Evaluation, which, to the extent possible, should provide evidence of the use of direct and indirect measures of student learning outcomes, 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 that "(T)he 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."

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

Best wishes for a rewarding 2016-2017 academic year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Elman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sandra E. Elman  
President

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cc: Dr. Colin Ormsby, Vice Provost for Academic Planning, Grants, Research Development,  
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