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Dr. James Gaudino
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Dear President Gaudino: *Jim*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Central Washington University has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2011 Year One Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Fall 2009 Comprehensive Evaluation Report.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the University address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report as part of its updated response to Standard One and Standard Two in its Fall 2013 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Central 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: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Marilyn Levine, Provost/Vice President for Academic and Student Life ✓

Year One Peer-Evaluation Report
Fall 2011
Central Washington University
Recommendations

1. The evaluation panel recommends that Central Washington University continue to make improvements in the percentage of programs participating in annual reporting of student learning achievements, particularly at the graduate level (Standard 2.C.2).
2. The panel recommends that the University include indicators of quality and impact of research and creative expression activities to effectively assess core theme 3, scholarship and creative expression, and mission fulfillment (Standard 1.B).