



8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100

Redmond, WA 98052-3981

425 558 4224

Fax: 425 376 0596

www.nwccu.org

August 12, 2011

Dr. Edward Ray
President
Oregon State University
600 Kerr Administration Building
Corvallis, OR 97331-2128

Dear President ~~Ray~~^{Ed-}:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Oregon State University has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2006 Regular Interim Evaluation Report. This matter was the subject of correspondence dated July 31, 2006. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

The policy of the Commission is not to grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Instead, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically. In the case of Oregon State University, the Commission requests that the University submit an addendum to its Spring 2012 Year One Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. Recognizing that collecting and analyzing data relative to indicators is a matter especially relevant for subsequent accreditation reports, the Commission suggests that the addendum to address Recommendation 2 focus on the refinement of indicators for each core theme and ensure that appropriate measures are in place for each. In addition, the Commission requests that the institution prepare an Ad Hoc Self-Evaluation Report with a visit in Fall 2012 to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making these requests, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Oregon State University is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.


The Commission commends the University for successfully strengthening its relationships with key constituencies in the central Oregon community, developing new sources of financial support, and expanding its academic offerings and facilities at the Cascades campus. In addition, the Commission finds laudable the robust assessment practices within the division of Student Affairs and the mutually beneficial working relationship between Academic and Student Affairs which serves to facilitate embedded assessment practices in the dialogue, culture, and thinking of the division, and subsequently, to result in students' understanding and appreciation for learning outside the classroom. Moreover, the Commission applauds the University for exceeding its original campaign goal and its continuing progress toward the revised 2013 goal, as well as exceeding its extramural research funding goal thereby providing substantial fiscal resources to enable the University to continue fulfilling its mission. Lastly, the Commission commends the University for effectively linking strategic planning to the institution's core themes.

President Edward Ray
Page Two
August 12, 2011

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,


Sandra E. Elman
President

SEE:rb

Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Rebecca Warner, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and International Programs ✓
Mr. Matthew W. Donegan, Board President, State Board of Higher Education,
Oregon University System