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Dr. Edward Ray
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Dear President Ray: ^{EA}

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 9-10, 2013, meeting, the Commission accepted Oregon State University's Fall 2012 Ad Hoc Self-Evaluation Report which addressed Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. The request for this report was the subject of Commission correspondence dated August 12, 2011.

In taking this action, the Commission requests that the University address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2012 Ad Hoc Peer-Evaluation Report in its Spring 2014 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Self-Evaluation Report. The Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2012 Ad Hoc Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Oregon State University is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding New Year.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Rebecca Warner, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

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Ad Hoc Peer-Evaluation Report
Fall 2012
Oregon State University
Recommendations

1. The evaluation committee found assessment efforts to be well-organized and moving forward in undergraduate and graduate education and the Baccalaureate Core, but in a fragile state, as some aspects of the system are very new. There has been substantial turnover in staffing related to assessment and some apparent assessment-weariness on the part of faculty. The committee recommends that the University continue to progress in sustaining and enhancing the efforts that have begun (Standard 2.C.2, 2.C.3, 2.C.10).
2. The committee recommends that the institution provide evidence that assessment data are used to revise educational programs (Standard 4.A.3).