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Dr. Greg Hamann
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Dear President Hamann: ^{Greg}

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Clatsop Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the spring 2006 Regular Interim Evaluation Report. Congratulations on receiving this continued recognition.


In reaffirming the accreditation of the College, the Commission requested a progress report in fall 2007 to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the spring 2006 Regular Interim Evaluation Report. A copy of these Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In requesting a progress report in fall 2007, the Commission has determined that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the spring 2006 Regular Interim Evaluation Report are areas in which the institution does not meet Commission criteria for accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CRF 602.20 and Commission Policy A-18, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period* (enclosed), the Commission requires that Clatsop Community College take appropriate action to ensure that Recommendations 1 and 2 are addressed and resolved within the prescribed two-year period.

We will write in spring 2007 regarding the fall 2007 progress report.

Best wishes for a rewarding year.

Sincerely,


Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosures: Recommendations; Policy A-18

cc: Dr. Lindi F. Overton, Vice President for College Services

**Regular Interim Evaluation Report
Spring 2006
Clatsop Community College
Recommendations**

1. The committee recommends that the College continue to implement the educational assessment plan and to demonstrate that students who complete its programs have achieved the program outcomes. The College should provide evidence of regular and systematic use of assessment results to improve teaching and learning (Standard 2.B.2, 2.B.3, and Policy 2.2).

2. The committee recommends that CCC identify and implement long-term solutions to address the adequacy of facilities in relation to the mission and goals of the College (Standard 8.A, 8.A.4, 8.A.5; Standard 3.A.4; Standard 2.A.1).

Commission on Colleges and Universities
Northwest Association of Schools and of Colleges and Universities

Policy A-18 Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period

If the Commission determines that an institution it accredits is not in compliance with a Commission standard for accreditation, the Commission will immediately initiate adverse action against the institution or require the institution to take appropriate action to bring itself into compliance within a time period that shall not exceed: 1) twelve months, if the longest program offered by the institution, is less than one year in length; 2) eighteen months, if the longest program offered by the institution, is at least one year, but less than two years, in length; or 3) two years, if the longest program offered by the institution, is at least two years in length.

The Commission may extend the period for compliance noted above should it reasonably expect that, based upon the institution's progress toward meeting the Commission's standard for accreditation, the institution will come into full compliance within a reasonable timeframe. Should an institution deem that as a result of mitigating circumstances it is not able to comply with the standard for accreditation within the specified period of time, the institution may submit a written request to the Commission for additional time to come into compliance with the standard for accreditation. The request is to be submitted prior to the time limit for corrective action set forth by the Commission, provide a detailed explanation of the reasons why the institution cannot comply with the standard for accreditation within the designated time period, and demonstrate that the institution is making good progress in meeting the standard for accreditation. Following a review of the request, the Commission will make a determination as to whether the institution has based its request on valid reasons. If the Commission determines that the institution has substantiated good cause for not complying within the specified time period and is making good progress to come into compliance, the Commission will extend the period for achieving compliance and stipulate requirements for continuing oversight of the institution's accreditation during the extension.

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