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Dr. Patty M. Scott
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Dear President Scott: *Patty*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Southwestern Oregon Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2013 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2012 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2013 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report in an updated response to Standard One in its Spring 2015 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2013 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Southwestern Oregon Community College 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra E. Elman".

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Mrs. Robin Bunnell, Institutional Researcher

Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report
Spring 2013
Southwestern Oregon Community College
Recommendation

1. The evaluation committee recommends that the College continue to refine the benchmarks and threshold levels for individual Core Theme performance Indicators so that in the aggregate, they provide a measure that is more directly correlated with expectations of mission fulfillment (Standard 1.B.2).