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Dear President ~~Kenton~~ <sup>Jay</sup>:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that at its January 7-8, 2015, meeting, the Commission accepted Eastern Oregon University's Fall 2014 Ad Hoc Report which was to address Recommendation 4 of the Fall 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report. The request for this report was the subject of Commission correspondence dated February 5, 2014.


In accepting this report, the Commission finds noteworthy the many actions that have been initiated at Eastern Oregon University regarding Recommendation 4 of the Fall 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report. However, the Commission remains concerned about the future of the University's second largest degree offering, Liberal Studies. The Action Plan outlines appropriate steps toward making needed progress, but very few of them have been finalized at this point. In addition, it was not clear in the Ad Hoc report that the necessary structural support to achieve these goals is sufficient to ensure long-term success of the Action Plan.

Therefore, the Commission requests that the institution again address Recommendation 4 of the Fall 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report in its Fall 2018 Year Seven Self-Evaluation Report and respond to these concerns and provide evidence of the impact of the initiatives outlined in the Action Plan.

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

Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

  
Sandra E. Elman  
President

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cc: Dr. Sarah Witte, Interim Provost ✓