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Mr. Robert Knight
President
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Dear President Knight: ^{Bob}

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that at its January 8-9, 2014, meeting, the Board of Commissioners reaffirmed the accreditation of Clark College on the basis of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report.

The Commission requests that the College address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Report in Fall 2014. The Commission further requests that the College address Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report in its Fall 2017 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

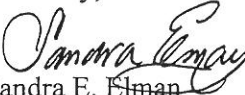
In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Clark College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement. With respect to Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report, the Commission determined that its expectations have been met.

However, the Commission determined that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Clark College does not meet the Commission's criteria for accreditation. According to the U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period*, the Commission requires that the College take appropriate action to ensure that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report is addressed and resolved within the prescribed two-year period.

If you have 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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Enclosures: Recommendations
Commission Policy, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance
Within Specified Period*

cc: Ms. Shanda Diehl, Associate Vice President of Planning and Effectiveness ✓

Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation
Fall 2013
Clark College
Recommendations

1. The evaluation committee recommends that for each year of operation, Clark College undergo an external financial audit and that the results from such audits, including findings and management letter recommendations, be considered in a timely, appropriate, and comprehensive manner by the Board of Trustees (Eligibility Requirement 19 and Standard 2.F.7).
2. The evaluation committee recommends that Clark College ensure that all courses have published learning outcomes and that assessment methodologies are being used for program improvement and learning across the institution (Standards 2.C.2 and 2.C.5).