January 17, 2008

Mr. Robert K. Knight
President
Clark College
1800 East McLoughlin Blvd.
Vancouver, WA 98663

Dear President Knight:

This is in reply to your correspondence dated September 10, 2007, requesting approval for Clark College (CC) to expand the scope of its eLearning program by offering certificate and associate degree programs in their entirety through distance learning effective fall 2007. The Commission has completed its review of your request for approval and has made the following determination.

In reviewing the prospectus, the Commission notes that offering degree and certificate programs through eLearning is consistent with the institution’s mission and goals and with the College’s Strategic and Operational Plans. In noting these consistencies, the Commission is aware that Clark College launched a successful distance learning program in the 2004/2005 academic year and has continued to enhance its online infrastructure in anticipation of offering complete programs online. The Commission has approved Clark College’s request to offer associate degrees and certificate programs through eLearning under Policy A-2, Substantive Change and Policy 2.6, Distance Delivery of Courses, Certificate, and Degree Programs.

Accordingly, delivering entire programs online is now included in the accreditation of Clark College. Clark College’s eLearning program will be assessed during the institution’s comprehensive evaluation scheduled for fall 2008.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of developments and initiatives at Clark College. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman
President

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cc: Ms. Candy Bennett, Executive Dean of Planning and Advancement