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Dr. Mary Cullinan  
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Dear President Cullinan, <sup>Mary</sup>

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 Southern Oregon University on the basis of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation.

In taking this action, the Commission also added two Recommendations. Recommendations 1 and 2 state:

1. Southern Oregon University has not yet finalized its policy on Intellectual Property in conjunction with the Oregon University System and must do so to be compliant with NWCCU Standards for Accreditation (Standard 2.A.24).
2. Southern Oregon University has not yet finalized its policy on Credit for Prior Experiential Learning in conjunction with the Oregon University System and must do so to be compliant with NWCCU Standards for Accreditation (Standard 2.C.6).

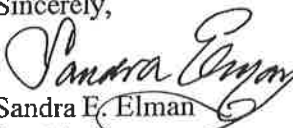
The Commission requests that the University address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation in an Ad Hoc Report in Fall 2014.

The Commission determined that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation are areas where Southern Oregon University does not meet the Commission's criteria for accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period* (enclosed), the Commission requires that the University take appropriate action to ensure that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation are addressed and resolved within the prescribed two-year period.

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

Best wishes for peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

  
Sandra E. Elman  
President

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Enclosures: Recommendations; Commission Policy

✓ cc: Dr. Susan Walsh, Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies