

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

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February 22, 2013

Dr. Bert Glandon President College of Western Idaho 6056 Birch Lane, Suite 200 Nampa, ID 83687

Dear President Glandon:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I write to report that the Candidacy of the College of Western Idaho has been continued on the basis of the Fall 2012 Year One Mission and Core Themes Evaluation which was also to address Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Initial Candidacy Peer-Evaluation Report as well as to provide an explication of the institution's growth targets based on realistic assumptions for the next five years and the concomitant impact of the growth in enrollment on the infrastructure of the institution.

In continuing the Candidacy of the College of Western Idaho, the Commission reminds the institution that Candidacy status is limited to a maximum of five years, provided that the Commission determines that the institution is progressing satisfactorily toward initial accreditation. If accreditation is not achieved by the end of the five-year period (fall 2016 in the case of the College of Western Idaho), the institution must wait a minimum of two years before resubmitting an Application for Consideration for Candidacy.

The Commission requests that the College explicitly address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2012 Year One Mission and Core Themes Peer-Evaluation Report in its Fall 2014 Year Three Resources and Capacity Report and visit. In addition, the Commission requests that the College explicitly address Recommendation 3 of the Fall 2012 Year One Mission and Core Themes Peer-Evaluation Report in a Special Report to be submitted to the Commission office by May 1, 2013, for review and action by the Commission at its June 2013 meeting. The College is again asked to provide an explication of the institution's growth targets based on realistic assumptions for the next five years and the concomitant impact of the growth in enrollment on the infrastructure of the institution (letter dated February 9, 2012). Copies of the Recommendations and the referenced letter are enclosed for your convenience.

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

Sincerely,

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President

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Enclosure:

Recommendations

Letter dated February 9, 2012

cc: Mr. Stanley Bastian, Board of Trustees Chair

Dr. David Shellberg, Interim Vice President of Instruction and Student Services

Year One Mission and Core Themes Peer-Evaluation Report Fall 2012 College of Western Idaho Recommendations

- 1. The evaluation panel recommends that the College of Western Idaho continue to engage in the ongoing process of reflection and refinement of the indicators of achievement, metrics and targets to ensure that all objectives have meaningful, assessable, and verifiable indicators of achievement in order to form the basis for evaluating the accomplishment of all of the objectives of the four core themes (Standard 1.B.2).
- 2. The panel recommends that the College develop and implement plans to appoint full-time faculty and staff sufficient in numbers to accomplish the institution's educational goals (Standard 2.B.1, 2.B.4, 2.B.5, and Eligibility Requirement 23).
- 3. The panel recommends that the College further address Recommendation 5 from the Fall 2011 Initial Candidacy Peer-Evaluation Report and provide an explication of the institution's growth targets based on realistic assumptions for the next five years and concomitant impact of the growth in enrollment on the infrastructure of the institution (Standard 5.B and Eligibility Requirement 24).