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Dr. Mark Curtis
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Dear President ~~Curtis~~ ^{Mark}:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Great Basin College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2013 Comprehensive Year Seven Evaluation which was to include an on-site evaluation of Standard Two and also to address Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report in addition to Eligibility Requirements 2 and 3. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College again address Recommendations 1 and 3 of the Spring 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report in an updated response to Standard One in its Spring 2016 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Self-Evaluation Report. In addition, the Commission requests that the College include an addendum to its Spring 2016 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Great Basin College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

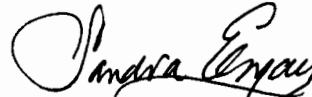
The Commission commends the College for a culture of collegiality as noted by the resilience and spirit of teamwork among faculty and staff at all levels. In addition, the Commission commends the College's leadership at all levels for the courage, empathy, and perspective needed to effectively solve the historic challenges facing the College. Moreover, the Commission finds laudable the College's use of technology to serve students throughout rural Nevada where students, faculty, and staff create active learning environments. Further, the Commission finds noteworthy the pride that the facilities staff demonstrates as reflected in the buildings and grounds. Lastly, the Commission applauds the College for financial agility which is evidenced by the thoughtful and creative utilization of resources by faculty and staff based on mission and priorities.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,



Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations (2013 and 2011)

cc: Dr. Michael J. McFarlane, Vice President for Academic Affairs ✓
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