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Dr. Thomas L. Purce
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Dear President Purce: *Two*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of The Evergreen State College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2011 Year One Evaluation.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report as part of its updated response to Standard One in its Fall 2013 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where The Evergreen State College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

If you have 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

cc: Dr. Michael Zimmerman, Academic Vice President and Provost ✓

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Year One Peer-Evaluation Report
Fall 2011
The Evergreen State College
Recommendations

1. The evaluation panel recommends that the College develop and assign more specific designations of an acceptable level of performance for each indicator under each core theme, articulating in specific terms for each indicator what successful mission fulfillment looks like (Standard 1.A.2 and 1.B.2).

2. The information provided in the Year One Report does not make it clear how analysis of the student transcripts will provide objective evidence to assess mission fulfillment. The panel recommends that the College develop or adopt direct assessment tools as indicators for assessing progress toward each objective for each core theme (Standard 1.B.2).