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July 27, 2010

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Dear President Keegan: *Tom*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Peninsula College has been reaffirmed at the associate degree level on the basis of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation. In addition, the Commission granted accreditation at the baccalaureate degree level to include the Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management. The effective date for accreditation at the baccalaureate degree level is September 1, 2008. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

The policy of the Commission is not to grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Instead, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically. In the case of Peninsula College, the Commission requests that the institution submit an addendum to the institution's Spring 2011 Year One Report to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report is an area where Peninsula College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but needs improvement.

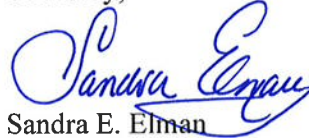
The Commission commends the Peninsula College faculty, staff, students and administrators as highly collaborative, dedicated, enthusiastic, and genuinely committed and collectively determined to meet all challenges faced by the College as evidenced by the institution's beautiful, efficient facilities, successful grant development, and effective teaching. Moreover, the Commission applauds the College for its creative and successful partnerships with community and industry. Further, the Commission finds laudable the College's transparent communication processes. Lastly, the Commission commends the College for its comprehensive commitment to planning and data-driven decision making.

We will write in fall 2010 regarding the Spring 2011 Year One Report. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,



Sandra E. Elman  
President

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Dr. Paula B. Doherty, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness  
Mr. Erik Rohrer, Board Chair  
Mr. Charles Earl, Executive Director, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

**Comprehensive Evaluation Report**  
**Spring 2010**  
**Peninsula College**  
**Recommendation**

1. The new evening Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program and the large number of distance delivered classes have made it difficult for the College to ensure that “(L)ibrary and information resources” including access to professional staff, study space and the reserve library “are readily accessible to all students and faculty.” The committee recommends that the College evaluate whether it provides “optimal and accessible scheduling” that allows the library to be appropriately “integrated into the learning process” (Standards 2.A.6, 2.A.8, 2.A.9, 5.C.1).