



July 29, 2013

Dr. Luke Robins President Peninsula College 1502 East Lauridsen Blvd. Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear President Robins:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Peninsula College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2013 Year Three Resources and Capacity Evaluation.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission rescinded Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Resources and Capacity Peer-Evaluation Report and renumbered the remaining Recommendations accordingly. In addition, renumbered Recommendations 2, 3, and 4 were revised to reflect Commission concerns. The Commission requests that the College address renumbered Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Resources and Capacity Peer-Evaluation Report in its Spring 2017 Year Seven Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Self-Evaluation Report. The Commission further requests that the College address renumbered Recommendation 4 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Resources and Capacity Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Report without a visit in Fall 2014. The Ad Hoc Report is to be submitted by September 2, 2014. A copy of the revised Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making these determinations, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Peninsula College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement. However, the Commission determined that renumbered Recommendation 4 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Peninsula College 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 Peninsula College take appropriate action to ensure that renumbered Recommendation 4 is addressed and resolved within the prescribed two-year period.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. All the best for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely.

Sandra E. Elman

President

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Enclosures: Recommendations (revised); Commission Policy

cc: Dr. Paula Doherty, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness