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Dr. Mary F.T. Spilde  
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Dear President Spilde: 

Greetings! I am writing in regard to Lane Community College's present schedule of Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) accreditation evaluation visits. As you know, Lane Community College is now scheduled to submit its Year Three Report and host an evaluation visit in fall 2012, and subsequently in fall 2014 it is scheduled to submit its Year Seven Report and host an evaluation visit. In the spirit of continuous improvement and in an effort to best realize the intent of the Commission's new holistic quality assurance model and to effectuate the most productive and valuable outcomes for institutions, the Commission has undergone an assessment of the presently configured evaluation cycle for institutions.


Accordingly, for those institutions currently scheduled to undergo a Year Three evaluation visit in 2012 and a Year Seven visit two years later in 2014, the Commission has determined the following: (1) to forego the institution's Year Three Report and visit presently scheduled for fall 2012, as well as the Year Five Report in fall 2013; and (2) to retain the scheduling of the institution's Year Seven Report and visit in fall 2014 expanded to include the on-site evaluation of Standards Two, Three, Four and Five.

In doing so, the Commission is well aware of the institutional efforts that have already been expended in preparation of the Year Three Report and visit. You may be assured that the work invested in analyzing institutional infrastructure and capacity as addressed in Standard Two, *Resources and Capacity*, remains critically valuable to the College as it continues to address and provide evidence of mission fulfillment, adaptability and sustainability as called for in the Year Seven Report and visit. The self-assessment and data gathering that have gone into preparing the Year Three Report better positions the institution as it engages in the culminating analysis of the extent to which it has attained mission fulfillment as well as providing evidence of its sustainability in the foreseeable future.

A roster of areas of assignment for the Year Seven Report and evaluation visit will be shared with you approximately six months prior to the visit. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me or my colleague, Executive Vice President Les Steele, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the institution's accreditation schedule or the accreditation process.

I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead to ensure the continued academic quality and institutional vitality of Lane Community College. Warmest wishes for a good summer!

Sincerely,

  
Sandra E. Elman  
President

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