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August 19, 2011

Dr. Neal Smatresk
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Dear President Smatresk: *Neal*

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2011 Year One Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report. This matter was the subject of correspondence dated August 5, 2010. Congratulations on receiving this continued recognition.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the University submit an addendum to the institution's Spring 2013 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendation 3 of the Spring 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report. In addition, the Commission requests that the University address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report in its updated response to Standard One as part of its Spring 2013 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In taking this action, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement. The Commission also determined that Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report is now substantially in compliance with the Commission's criteria for accreditation.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra E. Elman".

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Michael W. Bowers, Executive Vice President and Provost
Dr. Jason Geddes, Chair, Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents
Mr. Daniel Klaich, Chancellor, Nevada System of Higher Education

Year One Peer-Evaluation Report
Spring 2011
The University of Nevada – Las Vegas
Recommendations

1. The evaluation panel recommends that the University articulate institutional accomplishments or outcomes that represent an acceptable threshold or extent of mission fulfillment (Standard 1.A.2).
2. The panel notes that some objectives and related indicators are strategic planning statements focused on resources and capacity rather than accomplishments related to the core themes. In addition, some indicators of achievement are vague so that evaluating whether they are meaningful, assessable or verifiable is challenging. Therefore, the panel recommends that the University establish objectives for each of its core themes and identify meaningful, assessable, and verifiable indicators of achievement that form the basis for evaluating accomplishment of the objectives of its core themes (Standard 1.B.2).
3. The addendum responding to Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report did not demonstrate that the unevenness in outcomes assessment has been fully resolved. Therefore, the panel recommends that the University continue its work to resolve and document the consistent implementation and use of assessment (Standard 4.A.3).

Note: This Recommendation relates to a Recommendation from a previous evaluation (Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Evaluation Report) which was addressed by the institution as required in the Year One Report. In the spirit of the accreditation transition, the Standard cited here reflects the new Standards.