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Dear President Smatresk: ^{New}

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 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2011 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission has revised Recommendations 4 and 5 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report as follows:

Recommendation 4. UNLV has worked diligently and creatively to revise its General Education curriculum. The University Undergraduate Learning Outcomes (UULOs) for the general education curriculum are well-designed and described in detail in the Year Three Self-Evaluation Report. Because the new curriculum has not yet been offered all the way through (UNLV just completed its first year of the program), assessment of the program is just beginning. This recommendation recognizes the work done to date, encourages the campus to continue the development of general education assessment strategies, and requests information on the continuous adjustment and improvement of the program in its formative years (Standard 2.C.9, 2.C.10).

Recommendation 5. UNLV provides a wide range of services and programs to support student success. However, there appears to be little assessment of the effectiveness of those services and programs, and little evidence of the use of assessment results as a basis for improvement. The University should develop the means to determine if its activities in this area are appropriate and useful (Standard 2.D.1). Two areas requiring particular focus, because of their importance to students, are financial aid services (Standard 2.D.8) and advising (Standard 2.D.10).

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the University address Recommendations 3, 4, and 5 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 also requests that the University address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc report without a visit in Spring 2015. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

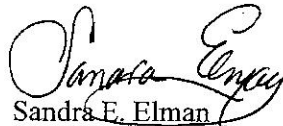
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In making these determinations, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

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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Enclosure: Recommendations

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