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January 30, 2013

Mr. Scott L. Wyatt
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Dear President Wyatt:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Snow College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2012 Comprehensive Evaluation which was also to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the College expand its Fall 2015 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Self-Evaluation Report to include an addendum to address Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2012 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2012 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Snow College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

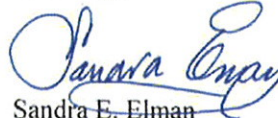
The Commission commends Snow College for an outstanding group of faculty, staff, and administrators who have a spirit of optimism and who are very dedicated to maintaining the rich heritage and strong traditions of the past along with a commitment to educational excellence in the six-county service area. In addition, the Commission commends the College's faculty for their passion for teaching and their caring commitment to every student's success. Moreover, the College benefits from the beauty of its campuses and the quality design and building of a new residence hall, library, and fine arts building that provide a transformative and effective learning environment. Further, the Commission applauds the students of Snow College for their enthusiastic passion for the College, acknowledgement of a quality education, engagement in the College, and commitment to the mission. Lastly, the Commission finds noteworthy the College's national recognition by the Aspen Institute and CNN Money for the exceptional completion rate and transfer success of its students.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra E. Elman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Gary Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Theresa Alder, Board Chair
Mr. David Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah State Board of Regents

Comprehensive Evaluation Report
Fall 2012
Snow College
Recommendations

1. The evaluation committee recommends that Snow College continue to develop and update financial policies that are approved by its governing board regarding oversight and management of financial resources. The committee recommends that the College clearly define and consistently follow its approved policies, guidelines, and processes for financial planning and budget development that include appropriate opportunities for participation by its constituencies (Standard 2.A.30 and 2.F.3).
2. The committee recommends that the College continue to clarify, update, and organize academic policies – including those related to teaching, service, scholarship, research, and artistic creation – and clearly communicate them to students and faculty and to administrators and staff along with responsibilities related to these areas (Standard 2.A.12).
3. The committee recognizes that the institution has implemented purposeful, systematic, integrated, and comprehensive planning and recommends that this be ongoing and lead to fulfillment of its mission. The committee recommends that implemented plans be made available to appropriate constituencies. In addition, the committee recommends that the institution’s planning process continue to be broad-based and offer opportunities for input by appropriate constituencies (Standard 3.A.1 and 3.A.2).
4. The committee acknowledges the assessment work that has been done by the College and recommends that the institution continue to engage in and develop an effective system of evaluation of all of its programs and services, wherever offered and however delivered, and to evaluate achievement of clearly identified program goals or intended outcomes. The committee further recommends that the institution evaluate holistically the alignment, correlation, and integration of planning, resources, capacity, practices, and assessment with respect to achievement of the goals or intended outcomes of its programs or services, wherever offered and however delivered (Standard 4.A.2 and 4.A.5).