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Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe  
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Dear President Dalpe:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, this is to inform you that at its January 11-13, 2017, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted Truckee Meadows Community College's Fall 2016 Ad Hoc Report which addressed Recommendation 4 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report. The request for this report was the subject of Commission correspondence dated January 29, 2016.

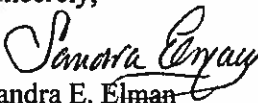
In taking these actions, however, the Commission determined that Recommendation 4 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report still does not meet the Commission's criteria for accreditation and accordingly, issued a *Notice of Concern* (a private sanction) with regard to Eligibility Requirement 12 *General Education and Related Instruction*, and Standard 2.C.9. The Commission remains concerned regarding the institution's lack of development of effective and appropriate means for measuring students' achievement of general education outcomes.

In light of these ongoing concerns, the Commission requests that the College again address Recommendation 4 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Report without a visit in Fall 2017. The report is to be submitted by September 15, 2017.

Recommendation 4 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report remains out of compliance. 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 Truckee Meadows Community College take appropriate action to ensure that Recommendation 4 is addressed and resolved in the prescribed two-year period.

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

Sincerely,

  
Sandra E. Elman  
President

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Enclosure: Commission Policy, Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period

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## ***Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period Policy***

If the Commission determines that an institution it accredits is not in compliance with a Commission standard for accreditation or an eligibility requirement, the Commission will immediately initiate adverse action against the institution or require the institution to take appropriate action to bring itself into compliance within a time period that shall not exceed: (1) twelve months, if the longest program offered by the institution is less than one year in length; (2) eighteen months, if the longest program offered by the institution is at least one year, but less than two years, in length; or (3) two years, if the longest program offered by the institution is at least two years in length.

The Commission may extend the period for compliance noted above should it reasonably expect that, based upon the institution's progress toward meeting the Commission's standard for accreditation or eligibility requirement, the institution will come into full compliance within a reasonable timeframe. Should an institution deem that as a result of mitigating circumstances it is not able to comply with the standard for accreditation or eligibility requirement within the specified period of time, the institution may submit a written request to the Commission for additional time to come into compliance with the standard for accreditation or eligibility requirement. The request is to be submitted prior to the time limit for corrective action set forth by the Commission, provide a detailed explanation of the reasons why the institution cannot comply with the standard for accreditation within the designated time period, and demonstrate that the institution is making good progress in meeting the standard for accreditation. Following a review of the request, the Commission will make a determination as to whether the institution has based its request on valid reasons. If the Commission determines that the institution has substantiated good cause for not complying within the specified time period and is making good progress to come into compliance, the Commission will extend the period for achieving compliance and stipulate requirements for continuing oversight of the institution's accreditation during the extension.

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