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Dr. Arthur Vailas  
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Dear President Vailas: <sup>Art-</sup>

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its June 21-23, 2016, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted Idaho State University's Spring 2016 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report which was also to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2014 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Peer-Evaluation Report.

The Commission determined that the University has satisfied the Commission's expectations regarding Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2014 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

Idaho State University's next regularly scheduled evaluation is the Mid-Cycle Evaluation in fall 2017. This Mid-Cycle Evaluation replaces the Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation and is intended to ascertain the institution's readiness to provide evidence (outcomes) of mission fulfillment and sustainability in the Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Evaluation. Please see the NWCCU website under "Forms" for "Guidelines for the Preparation of the Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report."

As you progress toward your Mid-Cycle Evaluation, which, to the extent possible, should provide evidence of the use of direct and indirect measures of student learning outcomes, the Commission encourages the institution to focus clearly on its intended educational mission and articulation of student gains in learning outcomes. Please be guided by Eligibility Requirement 3 which states: "The institution's purpose is to serve the educational interests of its students and its principal programs lead to recognized degrees." Eligibility Requirement 11 states further that "(T)he educational program(s) culminate in the achievement of clearly identified student learning outcomes, and lead to collegiate-level degree(s) with degree designation consistent with program content in recognized fields of study."

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

Best wishes for a rewarding 2016-2017 academic year.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman  
President

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cc: Ms. Selena Grace, Associate Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, Academic Affairs ✓