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Dr. David W. Pershing  
President  
University of Utah  
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Dear President Pershing: <sup>David-</sup>

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 11-13, 2017, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted the University of Utah's Fall 2016 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report which included an addendum to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

The Commission determined that the University has satisfied the Commission's expectations regarding Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

The University of Utah's next regularly scheduled evaluation is the Mid-Cycle Evaluation in fall 2018. The Commission reminds the University that it is to submit an addendum to its Fall 2018 Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report to address revised Recommendation 2 and Recommendation 3 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report. 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 the institution progresses toward its Mid-Cycle Evaluation, 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 designations 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 peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

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

Sandra E. Elman  
President

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cc: Dr. Dave Kieda, Dean, The Graduate School ✓