



August 15, 2012

Dr. Waded Cruzado President Montana State University - Bozeman P.O. Box 172420 211 Montana Hall Bozeman, MT 59717-2420 Dear President Cruzado:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I write to inform you that at its July 9-11, 2012, meeting, the Commission accepted the University's updated Year One Self-Evaluation Report which addressed Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2011 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report. This matter was the subject of correspondence dated February 13, 2012.

In taking this action, the Commission determined that the University did not address Eligibility Requirement 3, Mission and Core Themes. Accordingly, the Commission requests that in its Fall 2013 Year Three Resources and Capacity Self-Evaluation Report, the institution provide verification of the governing Board's approval of the University's core themes.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

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cc: Dr. Ronald W. Larsen, Associate Provost