



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President
Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
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Dear President Elman:

On behalf of Shoreline Community College, I submit the enclosed progress report in response to your letter dated January 31, 2008. As noted in your letter, "the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2007 Regular Interim Report is an area where the College substantially meets the Commission's criteria for accreditation, but needs improvement." I believe the College has made substantial progress in meeting the criteria.

Over the past few years, the College has actively implemented strategic directions delineated in its Strategic Plan. The Budget Committee has developed criteria and processes to guide decision making. We have invested in an online budget and planning tool. We have implemented regular Program Reviews in all academic areas as well as in other non-instructional units, and developed a long-range Master Plan. These ambitious planning and resource allocation activities in which the Board of Trustees, myself, the senior leadership team, and all members of the College's community have engaged in over the past few years should confirm that Shoreline Community College has made, and continues to make, very substantial strides in its endeavor to meet accreditation standards long recommended by the Commission.

The College is looking forward to transitioning to the revised accreditation standards. The new accreditation process provides Shoreline Community College with an additional opportunity to develop key indicators and benchmarks against which performance will be measured. The emphasis on objective standards to measure progress will only enhance the alignment of strategic planning and resource allocation "on the ground."

I look forward to the visit from the Board of Commissioners in January 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee D. Lambert", is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name "Lee D. Lambert" and the title "President" are printed in a serif font.

Lee D. Lambert
President