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Dr. Jeff Fox  
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Dear President Fox: *Jeff*

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 the College of Southern Idaho's Spring 2016 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report which was expanded to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2015 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Peer-Evaluation Report.

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

The next regularly scheduled evaluation for the College of Southern Idaho is the Mid-Cycle Evaluation in Spring 2018. 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 Report. Please see the NWCCU website under "Forms" for "Guidelines for the Preparation of the Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report." As a reminder, the Commission has requested an addendum to the Spring 2018 Mid-Cycle Report to address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2015 Year Seven Peer-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,  
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