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Fr. Stephen Sundborg, S.J.
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Dear President Sundborg:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Seattle University has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendations 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Fall 2010 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the University address Recommendations 1 and 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report in its Spring 2017 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Self-Evaluation Report. In addition, the Commission requests that the University address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Report without a visit in Fall 2013. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Seattle University is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

The Commission requests that the University submit its Ad Hoc Report by October 15, 2013, for review and action by the Executive Committee at its regularly scheduled November 2013 meeting.

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

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Robert Dullea, Vice President for University Planning and Vice Provost ✓

Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Evaluation
Spring 2013
Seattle University
Recommendations

1. The evaluation committee recommends that the formal infrastructure of shared governance at Seattle University be strengthened by clear and appropriate designations of roles and responsibilities in decision-making processes (Standard 2.A.1).
2. The committee recommends that a formal policy on ownership of intellectual property be adopted (Standard 2.A.24).
3. The committee recommends that better linkage between the Mission and Five Core Themes document and the Strategic Plan document be undertaken and documented. Coordination and clarification among other planning documents such as the Undergraduate Strategic Enrollment Plan, the Academic Strategic Action Plan, the Five Year Technology Strategy, the Ten Year Capital Plan, the Facilities Master Plan and the Major Institutions Master Plan would also be helpful (Standard 2.F.3, 2.F.5, and 2.G.3).