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Dear President Woodall:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Lake Washington Institute of Technology has been reaffirmed at the associate degree level on the basis of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Evaluation. In addition, the Commission granted accreditation at the baccalaureate level to include the Bachelor of Technology in Applied Design. The effective date for accreditation at the baccalaureate level is September 1, 2010. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

The policy of the Commission is not to grant accreditation for a definite number of years. Instead, accreditation must be reaffirmed periodically. In the case of Lake Washington Institute of Technology, the Commission requests that the institution address Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report in its updated response to Standard One as part of its Fall 2012 Year One Self-Evaluation Report. In addition, the Commission requests that the institution expand its Fall 2012 Year One Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. Further, the Commission requests that the institution address Recommendations 3 and 4 of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report in its updated response to Standard Two as part of its Fall 2014 Year Three Self-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.


In making these requests, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Lake Washington Institute of Technology is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

The Commission commends the Institute for its supportive learning environment, and specifically, the passion and dedication to students' success by the faculty and staff who are truly appreciated by the students. In addition, the Commission finds laudable the attention to detail given by the faculty, staff and students to the beautiful buildings and grounds, which indicates pride of ownership by the whole community. Lastly, the Commission applauds the Institute for establishing a rigorous and viable Bachelor of Technology degree program in Applied Design which provides options for further education for students in current careers and future opportunities.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

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