

July 26, 2007

Dr. James E. Middleton  
President  
Central Oregon Community College  
2600 N.W. College Way  
Bend, OR 97701

Dear President Middleton:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Central Oregon Community College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the spring 2007 Regular Interim Evaluation Report which was expanded to include a review of the Open Campus distance learning program. This matter was the subject of Commission correspondence dated October 7, 2004. Congratulations on receiving this continued recognition.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requested that the College prepare a Focused Interim Report and host one or more Commission representatives in spring 2009 to address Recommendation 1 of the spring 2007 Regular Interim Evaluation Report. Recommendation 1 states that:

*It is recommended that COCC continue to develop student learning outcomes at both the course and program level, determine the level of competency expected of students, assess how well students meet those expectations and make improvements to programs based upon the findings of the assessment process. This recommendation is made for both individual programmatic assessment and for the assessment of General Education (Standard 2.B and Policy 2.2).*

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the spring 2007 Regular Interim Evaluation Report is an area where the College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

We will write in fall 2008 regarding the spring 2009 Focused Interim Report and visit.

Best wishes for a rewarding 2007-2008 academic year.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman  
President

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cc: Dr. Kathy Walsh, Vice President for Instruction  
Mr. John Overbay, Board Chair  
Ms. Cam Preus-Braly, Commissioner, Department of Community Colleges and Workforce  
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