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Dr. Joseph Robertson
President
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Dear President Robertson:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Oregon Health and Science University has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2015 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Evaluation which was expanded to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2012 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report. The Commission determined that its expectations regarding Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2012 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report have been met.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the University submit its Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Report in Fall 2016. The Commission further requests that the University submit an addendum to its Fall 2018 Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In taking these actions, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2015 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Oregon Health and Science University is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

The Commission commends the University for its laudable contributions in health care and health sciences to the state of Oregon and beyond. Moreover, the Commission applauds the University's faculty and administrators for their efforts and commitment to the development of Interprofessional Education (IPE) across the institution, including rural sites. Lastly, the Commission commends the University's faculty for a culture of collaboration for research and education, and the University as a whole for partnerships with other institutions, industries, and rural communities.

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

Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra E. Elman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "S" and "E".

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. David Robinson, Executive Vice Provost ✓
Mr. Jay Waldron, Board Chair

Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* Evaluation
Fall 2015
Oregon Health & Science University
Recommendations

1. While the evaluation committee recognizes that the institution in recent years has made substantial progress toward developing an infrastructure that supports assessment of student learning, the committee recommends that the institution take steps necessary to ensure comprehensive assessment of student learning outcomes and use the resulting information to strengthen academic programs (Standard 4.A.3 and 4.B.2).
2. The evaluation committee recommends that the institution address leadership issues for basic science departments in order to foster fulfillment of the institution's research and instructional mission (Standard 2.A.11).