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Dr. John W. Walstrum
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Dear President Walstrum:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Clover Park Technical College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2009 Regular Interim Evaluation. Congratulations on receiving this continued recognition.


The following actions taken by the Board of Commissioners are based on the standards and process in effect at the time of the evaluation visit. You will be notified under separate cover of any modifications to these actions resulting from the conversion to the new standards and process.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the institution submit a progress report in fall 2011 to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2009 Regular Interim Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In making this request, the Commission determined that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2009 Regular Interim Evaluation Report is an area where Clover Park Technical College substantially meets the Commission's criteria for accreditation, but needs improvement.

Best wishes for a rewarding year.

Sincerely,


Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Ms. Joyce Loveday, Associate Vice President of Instruction ✓
Ms. Shauna Weatherby, Board Chair
Mr. Charles Earl, Executive Director, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

Regular Interim Evaluation Report
Fall 2009
Clover Park Technical College
Recommendation

1. The evaluation committee recommends that the President and his staff find a mechanism whereby to engage faculty, administration and staff in an open dialogue about the meaning of shared governance (as opposed to collective bargaining processes) at CPTC and its potential value to the College and its students, particularly in the current financial climate, and use this dialogue as a means to codify resulting shared governance processes in College policy and procedures documents (Standard 6.A.1, 6.A.2, 6.A.3, 6.C.6, 6.D, and 6.E).