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Dr. Dene K. Thomas  
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Dear President ~~Thomas~~ <sup>Dene</sup>:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Lewis-Clark State College has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Fall 2009 Comprehensive 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.

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 Lewis-Clark State College, the Commission requests that the institution submit a progress report in spring 2012 to address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2009 Comprehensive Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendation is enclosed for your reference.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2009 Comprehensive Evaluation Report is an area where Lewis-Clark State College is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

In the unlikely event the Commission should conclude that an institution is in danger of being unable to fulfill its mission and goals or to continue to meet the Eligibility Requirements or Standards, the Commission reserves the right to request that the institution submit a report or host one or more evaluators for a special review.

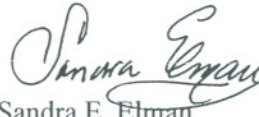
The Commission commends the College for the exceptional improvement since the 1999 visit in the process of planning and budgeting that is both effective and transparent to the campus. Moreover, the Commission applauds the way faculty at the College have embraced distance learning to better serve the region through programs such as the Center at Coeur D'Alene, the Pathways to Alternative Certification and Endorsements (PACE), the Management Degree Online, and the Online RN to BSN program. Further, the Commission finds laudable the visionary and dynamic leadership of the College which is clearly well-regarded and respected both within the institution and beyond. In addition, the Commission commends the faculty and staff for genuine caring about students and student success, and for the impressive level of collegiality among themselves as well as a deep commitment to this institution. The Commission finds noteworthy the Trustees of the State Board of Education for their strong, thoughtful,

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informed support for the College and its unique tripartite mission to serve the region. Lastly, the College clearly benefits from the quality and maintenance of the physical plant and the extremely attractive appearance of the campus and is to be congratulated on the many new and improved facilities since the last evaluation visit, including the newest addition, Sacajawea Hall.

Best wishes for a rewarding year.

Sincerely,



Sandra E. Elman  
President

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Enclosure: Recommendation

cc: Dr. J. Anthony Fernandez, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs ✓  
Mr. Paul Agidius, Board Chair  
Dr. Mike Rush, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education

**Comprehensive Evaluation Report**  
**Fall 2009**  
**Lewis-Clark State College**  
**Recommendation**

1. The evaluation committee recommends that Lewis-Clark State College continue to develop measurable learning objectives and appropriate assessment measurements consistently across the curriculum and use the results to improve teaching and learning at the College. At the same time, we recommend that it does so as part of the ongoing review of the General Education Curriculum (Standard 2.B.3).