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Dear President Bermingham: ^{Jack}

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 11-13, 2017, meeting, the Board of Commissioners accepted Highline College's Fall 2016 Ad Hoc Report which addressed Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2013 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report, as well as the implementation of degree programs for the Bachelor of Applied Behavioral Science in Youth Development, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Respiratory Care, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Cybersecurity and Forensics, and the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Global Trade and Logistics. The request for this report was the subject of Commission correspondence dated June 12, 2014; June 16, 2014; October 27, 2014; and February 10, 2015.

In accepting the report, the Commission determined that its expectations regarding Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2013 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report have been met.

In addition, the Commission granted accreditation at the baccalaureate level to include the Bachelor of Applied Behavioral Science in Youth Development, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Respiratory Care, the Bachelor of Applied Science in Cybersecurity and Forensics, and the Bachelor of Applied Science degree programs. The effective date for accreditation at the baccalaureate level is September 1, 2015. Congratulations on receiving this recognition.

The Commission reminds the College that if it should decide to offer non-applied bachelor degree programs (such as a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts), in accordance with Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*, a new prospectus will be required for review and approval as a *substantive change*. Moreover, in offering these degrees careful consideration should be given to Standard 2.B.1 and 2.B.4 regarding faculty qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and authority.

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

Best wishes for a peaceful and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Elman
President

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cc: Mr. Jeff L. Wagnitz, Vice President for Academic Affairs ✓