February 6, 2015

Dr. Amy Goings  
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Dear President Goings:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to inform you that at its January 7-8, 2015, meeting, the Commission accepted Lake Washington Institute of Technology’s Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Report which was expanded to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2012 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report and Recommendations 3 and 4 of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report.

In accepting this report, the Commission determined that its expectations in regard to Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2012 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report and Recommendations 3 and 4 of the Fall 2011 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report have been met. However, the Commission finds that its expectations regarding Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2012 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report have yet to be met and therefore requests that Lake Washington Institute of Technology again address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2012 Year One Peer-Evaluation Report in its Fall 2019 Year Seven Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Report.

In taking these actions, the Commission added a Recommendation to Lake Washington Institute of Technology’s Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Peer-Evaluation Report. The Commission requests that the Institute address Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Report to be submitted by October 15, 2015. The Recommendation is as follows:

1. The Commission recommends that Lake Washington Institute of Technology define mission fulfillment in the context of its purpose, characteristics, and expectations (Standard 1.A.2).

In making this request, the Commission finds that Recommendation 1 of the Fall 2014 Mid-Cycle Peer-Evaluation Report is an area where Lake Washington Institute of Technology is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

The Commission encourages the institution to build upon its Mid-Cycle Evaluation efforts and to utilize its assessment strategies toward producing data-driven student learning outcomes that inform mission fulfillment and sustainability.
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If you have 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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Enclosures: Recommendation (Fall 2012)

cc: Mr. Dennis Long, Vice President for Student Services
Year One Mission and Core Themes Peer-Evaluation Report
Fall 2012
Lake Washington Institute of Technology
Recommendations

1. While the program for international students has the potential to enrich the diversity and culture of the College, the evaluation committee recommends further deliberations on the placement of the program within the core themes in terms of effectively supporting student success through assessment and improvement of student achievement and student services (Standards 2.D.1, 2.D.3, 3.A.1, 3.B.1, 4.A.4, 4.A.5, and 5.B.1).

2. The committee recommends that Lake Washington Institute of Technology continue to engage in the ongoing process of reflection and refinement of the intended outcomes, indicators, and measures to ensure that all outcomes have meaningful, assessable, verifiable indicators of achievement to form the basis for evaluating accomplishment of the objectives of its core themes (Standard 1.B.2).