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Dr. Daniel K. Church
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Dear President Church: ^{Dan-}

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to report that the accreditation of Bastyr University has been reaffirmed on the basis of the Spring 2012 Comprehensive Evaluation which was also to address Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2011 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Peer-Evaluation Report in addition to including a review of the newly created Department of Midwifery.

In reaffirming accreditation, the Commission requests that the institution expand its Spring 2013 Year One *Mission and Core Themes* Self-Evaluation Report to include an addendum to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2012 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. In addition, the Commission requests an addendum to the University's Spring 2015 Year Three *Resources and Capacity* Self-Evaluation Report to address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2012 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report. A copy of the Recommendations is enclosed for your reference.

In making these requests, the Commission finds that Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Spring 2012 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report are areas where Bastyr University is substantially in compliance with Commission criteria for accreditation, but in need of improvement.

The Commission commends the University for the shared sense of purpose and dedication within its community to the institution's powerful and focused mission. In addition, the Commission finds laudable the spirit of community, collaboration, generosity, and respect that characterizes the daily activities of the campus. Lastly, the Commission applauds the University for finding its splendid current physical home and adapting it to reflect and reinforce the mind, body and spirit dimensions of its mission.

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

Best wishes for a rewarding academic year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra E. Elman".

Sandra E. Elman
President

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Enclosure: Recommendations

cc: Dr. Timothy C. Callahan, Senior Vice President and Provost ✓
Mr. Jon Flora, Board Chair

Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report
Spring 2012
Bastyr University
Recommendations

1. The committee recommends that Bastyr University give further attention to its definition of mission fulfillment and to the objectives, measures and indicators supporting its core themes to ensure that clear statements of acceptable thresholds of achievement are present (Standard 1.A.2 and 1.B.2).
2. The identifiable Unrestricted Endowment is minimal, which the President and Board of Trustees acknowledge. In order to be able to deal effectively and financially with future unexpected events or financial exigencies and the new San Diego initiatives, the committee recommends that the University give significant attention to continuing to increase its unrestricted Board-designated reserve funds (Standard 2.F.1).