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Dr. Thomas Keegan President Skagit Valley College 2405 East College Way Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5899

## Dear President Keegan:

I bring you greetings from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. We appreciate all of your efforts and cooperation as we have launched our new standards and the evaluation process. As you know we have made several revisions to the process based on thoughtful input from member institutions and evaluators.

In a review of our evaluation calendar it became evident that beginning with spring 2017 the current schedule includes more Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability* evaluations than we are able to staff with peer evaluators. Therefore, it is necessary to revise the schedule of evaluations beginning with the spring of 2017. Be assured, no institution will have a Year Seven evaluation earlier than currently scheduled. The dates in this letter supersede any previously communicated dates.

The dates of the evaluations for your institution will be as follows:

Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability (Year Seven):

Mission and Core Themes (Year One):

Mid-Cycle Evaluation:

Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability (Year Seven):

Spring 2018

Spring 2019

Spring 2021

Spring 2025

All evaluations scheduled prior to 2017 remain as scheduled.

Please feel free to contact me with questions on the implementation of the revised schedule. Best wishes for a productive new year.

Sincerely,

Les Steele

**Executive Vice President** 

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cc: Ms. Suzy Ames, Director of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness, ALO