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Dr. Jeremy D. Brown  
President  
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Dear President Brown:

This letter is to inform you of the action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) regarding the amended substantive change prospectus submitted by District Vice President Chairsell, and received in this office on July 16, 2014. The proposal requested approval for Portland Community College to enter into a contractual relationship, effective July 1, 2014, with the non-regionally accredited service district known as Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) for the purpose of sponsoring OCCC in its pursuit of independent accreditation. The Commission approved this substantive change and determined that it be included under the accreditation status of Portland Community College, effective July 1, 2014.

In approving this proposal, the Commission requests that Portland Community College provide information on this newly approved area of oversight either within, or added as an addendum to, the institution's Spring 2015 Year Seven *Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Self-Evaluation Report*. The evaluation will focus on regular and ongoing contact with Oregon Coast Community College and infrastructural readiness dedicated to OCCC's pursuit of independent accreditation, such as governance and policies, student services available to students, continuity and assessment of program curricula and outcomes, library and learning resources, as well as evaluating the overall impact of the relationship on Portland Community College. The additional information and evaluation will be combined with the Year Seven visit scheduled for spring 2015, as described in correspondence from the Commission dated July 25, 2012.

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

Sincerely,

Les S. Steele  
Executive Vice President

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cc: Dr. Christine Chairsell, District Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs  
Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, President, Oregon Coast Community College  
Dr. Sandra E. Elman, NWCCU President