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Dr. Michael Vaughan
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Dear Dr. Vaughan:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Peer Evaluation Report for Idaho State University, to be submitted to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

There are no major "errors of fact" in the draft report. I want to clarify the timeline between revision of the mission statement and the core themes derived from it – the mission statement was revised late in the fall 2010 semester, and the core themes were developed late fall through spring. The Idaho State Board of Education asked the institutions to submit their revised mission statements for the April 2011 Board meeting as an information item. The Board requested some modifications of the mission statements, and officially approved them at the September 2011 Board meeting.

I appreciate your comments on areas that need to be strengthened related to Standard One. We will continue to work on the issues noted in your report related to mission interpretation and fulfillment and tighter linkage of the core themes to a further revision of the mission statement.

Please extend my thank you to the members of the review committee.

Sincerely,



Arthur C. Vailas, Ph.D.
President

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cc: Dr. Barbara Adamcik, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs