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Dr. J. Kyle Dalpe  
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Dear Acting President Dalpe:

This is to inform you of recent action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) regarding a substantive change proposal from Truckee Meadows Community College seeking approval for the institution to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Logistics Operation Management (BAS-LOM) and a Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Emergency Management and Homeland Security (BAS-EMHS), effective fall 2016.

In reviewing the institution's prospectus, the Commission notes that the proposed BAS-LOM and BAS-EMHS degree programs are coherent with the College's mission and three core themes. Moreover, the BAS-LOM and BAS-EMHS degree programs build upon the College's existing associate level offerings in logistics management, operation systems, pre-hospital emergency medical services, and fire technology. Institutional research included information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Nevada State employment statistics, and regional employers. The College anticipates that minimal additional funding is needed for the BAS-LOM and BAS-EMHS degree programs as resources are largely in existence for both programs due to the associate level offerings. The College will support the BAS-LOM degree program with one added fulltime faculty position. Several logistics experts have been identified for part-time teaching assignments. And, several advisory board members for the BAS-EMHS degree program have also been identified as interested in teaching their areas of specialties for the BAS-EMHS degree program. An additional 0.5 fulltime equivalent position has also been budgeted in support staff. Current facilities will be adequate to support the BAS-LOM and BAS-EMHS degree programs and library funds are noted for the BAS-EMHS degree program, in particular. The College's existing student services have the capacity to support the additional students anticipated to enroll in the BAS-LOM and BAS-EMHS degree programs.

In accordance with Commission Policy, *Substantive Change*, the College's proposal has now been reviewed and approved. Accordingly, the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Logistics Operation Management and the Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in Emergency Management and Homeland Security are now included under the accreditation of Truckee Meadows Community College. The College is granted *candidacy status* at the baccalaureate level. The Commission encourages the institution to be mindful should it decide to offer non-applied bachelor degree programs, i.e., a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor of Arts, that it carefully consider Standard 2.B.1 and 2.B.4 regarding faculty qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and authority. Further, the Commission requests that the College submit an Ad Hoc Report with a visit in Fall 2018 to provide an update on the implementation of the BAS-LOM and BAS-EMHS degree programs.

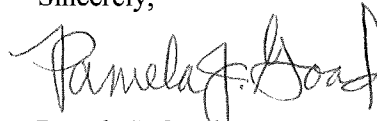
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The Commission will take action on the College's *candidacy status* at its January 2019 meeting following the evaluation of the College's Fall 2018 Ad Hoc Report providing an update on the implementation of the BAS-LOM and BAS-EMHS degree programs.

If granted accreditation at the baccalaureate level, the effective date of accreditation at the new degree level is September 1<sup>st</sup> of the academic year immediately preceding the academic year in which the evaluation occurred. For Truckee Meadows Community College, this date would be September 1, 2017.

Thank you for keeping the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities apprised of the developments and initiatives at Truckee Meadows Community College. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela J. Goad". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pamela J. Goad  
Vice President

cc: Dr. Melissa Deadmond, Associate Dean, Assessment and Planning  
Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President, NWCCU