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Dear

This is in reply to your correspondence dated June 16, 2008, informing the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities that the respondent named in your complaint letter dated May 17, 2008, against the Leadership Institute of Seattle (LIOS) has now been changed to Bastyr University (BU). It is the Commission's understanding that you now allege that BU is the entity to which your original complaint should be directed and that BU is in violation of the Commission's criteria for accreditation.

Insofar as the collection and processing of monies for your enrollment in LIOS were implemented and administered by LIOS and not Bastyr University your allegation is unfounded. To reiterate, LIOS is not accredited by the NWCCU, nor is it a candidate or pre-candidate institution with the Commission. LIOS is not now, nor has it ever been, governed or administered by Bastyr University. That you wish, as stated in your letter of June 16, 2008, "for this complaint to also apply to whatever accredited college or university associates with LIOS for the purpose of providing them with accreditation because whoever does this is guilty of violating the standards of the NWCCU" is not justified.

Finally, you allege that BU's practices regarding student evaluation and the award of academic credit are not consistent with current criteria for accreditation. The Commission has determined, however, that the evidence you cite in this matter does not represent non-compliance with the Commission's Standards for accreditation.

Once again, as stated in my letter of June 11, 2008, the Commission considers this matter closed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra E. Elman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Sandra E. Elman
President

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