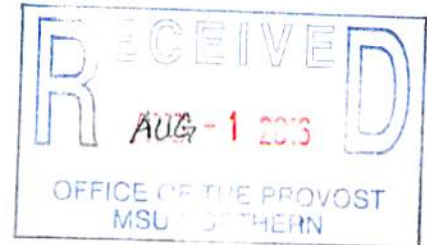




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Dr. William J. Rugg
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Dear Provost and Vice Chancellor Rugg:

On behalf of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), I am writing to acknowledge your correspondence dated June 6, 2016, informing NWCCU of the revision of the mission statement for Montana State University - Northern. The effort to revise the mission statement was undertaken following a NWCCU Year Three Evaluation in which suggestions for more clarity in the mission statement were shared. The University's Core Themes remain unchanged. The Commission notes that the revised mission statement was fully vetted through academic committees, the Strategic Advancement Team, and the University's Advisory Council. The revised mission statement was approved by the Student Senate, the Academic Council, the Chancellor's Core Team, and the Chancellor's Executive Team. Lastly, the Montana Board of Regents approved the revised mission statement on May 20, 2016.

Revised Mission Statement:

MSU Northern provides higher education to students for professional and technical careers through an institution dedicated to teaching and the pursuit of knowledge.

The accreditation status of Montana State University - Northern is not altered by this revised mission statement. Accordingly, the revised mission statement is now included in the institution's file.

Thank you for notifying the Commission of this development.

Sincerely,

Pamela J. Goad
Vice President

cc: Mr. Greg Kegel, Chancellor
Dr. Sandra E. Elman, President, NWCCU