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August 8, 1997

Dr. John E. Counts
President
Western New Mexico University
PO Box 680, 1000 W. College Avenue
Silver City, NM 88062

Dear President Counts:

This letter is formal notification of the action taken concerning Western New Mexico University by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education. By mail ballot on July 31, 1997, the Commission voted

to continue the accreditation of Western New Mexico University, and to adopt the other items entered on the attached Statement of Affiliation Status.

Changes in your institution that would require further Commission action prior to their initiation are found in Chapter 12 of *Handbook of Accreditation*. Please review them with care.

Information about informing the public of this action is found in Chapter 15 of the Commission's *Handbook*.

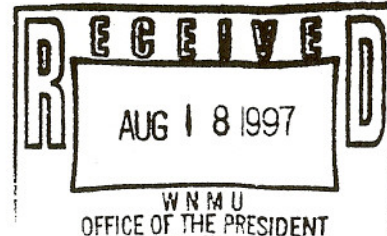
On behalf of the Commission I thank you and your associates for your cooperation. If you have questions about this action or about Commission policies and procedures please write or call Dr. Stephen D. Spangehl, who is the member of our staff responsible for providing continuing assistance to Western New Mexico University.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Crow
Acting Executive Director

Enclosures: Statement of Affiliation Status
Record of Status and Scope

cc: Evaluation Team Members
Chair of the Board



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STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION STATUS

WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
PO Box 680, 1000 W. College Avenue
Silver City, NM 88062

(Effective July 31, 1997)

<i>Status:</i>	Accredited (1926-33; 1942- .)
<i>Highest degree awarded:</i>	Master's.
<i>Most recent action:</i>	July 31, 1997.
<i>Stipulations on affiliation status:</i>	None.
<i>New degree sites:</i>	No prior Commission approval required for offering existing degree programs at new sites within the state.
<i>Progress reports required:</i>	6/1/2002; A report on assessment.
<i>Monitoring reports required:</i>	None.
<i>Contingency reports required:</i>	None.
<i>Other visits required:</i>	None.
<i>Last comprehensive evaluation:</i>	1996-97.
<i>Next comprehensive evaluation:</i>	2006-07.

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WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
PO Box 680, 1000 W. College Avenue
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Dr. John E. Counts, President

Statement of Affiliation Status

Status: Accredited (1926-33; 1942- .)

Highest degree awarded: Master's.

Most recent action: July 31, 1997.

Stipulations on affiliation status: None.

New degree sites: No prior Commission approval required for offering existing degree programs at new sites within the state.

Progress reports required: 6/1/2002; A report on assessment.

Monitoring reports required: None.

Contingency reports required: None.

Other visits required: None.

Last comprehensive evaluation: 1996-97.

Next comprehensive evaluation: 2006-07.

Statement of Institutional Scope and Activities

Legal status: Public institution.

Fall 1996 student FTE: 1556/218.

Fall 1996 student headcount: 2006/537.

Number of degree programs: Associate's (12) Bachelor's (32) Master's (7).

Degree sites with full services: Home campus.

Other degree sites: Gallup, NM (McKinley County).

Other sites: Courses are also offered at 2 other locations in state.

Other program features: The institution provides credit offerings through alternative delivery.