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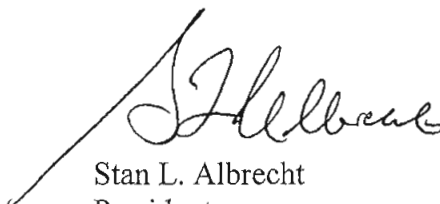
September 6, 2007

Dear Commissioners:

As part of Utah State University's ten-year Reaffirmation of Accreditation Review, we submit this self-study to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The document is the culmination of an intensive and extensive campus effort over the last 18 months to learn more about our strengths and challenges and to present those findings in a manner that will be helpful to the evaluation team.

We will be pleased to host the team on our campus October 22-24, 2007. USU is a high quality institution, but we recognize that we can benefit from the insights and recommendations that will result from the site visit. President Dennison and his colleagues will be most welcome at USU.

Sincerely yours,

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Stan L. Albrecht
President