Dr. James Scanlon, President  
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Dear Dr. Scanlon:

On July 29, 2002, Institutional Review Specialist, Mr. Dvak Corwin and Mr. Bill Hudson conducted a focused program review at Missouri Western State College (MWSC). Compliance with the statutes and federal regulations as they pertain to dependency overrides was the focus of the review.

Reviewers queried the National Student Loan Database System and extracted a dataset of all Federal Pell recipients at MWSC whose dependency status was overridden. A sample of thirty students, 10 each from the 1999/00, 2000/01 and 2001/02 award years, was selected for review. The review consisted of an examination of the policies and procedures regarding dependency overrides and individual student files. Reviewers found no areas of non-compliance. Therefore, no response to this letter is required.

The institution should consider this Expedited Determination Letter a combined Program Review Report and Final Program Review Determination letter. The purpose of the FPRD is to close the July 29, 2002 program review.

Although the review was thorough, it cannot be assumed to be all inclusive. The absence of statements in the report concerning the institution’s specific practices and procedures must not be construed as acceptance, approval, or endorsement of the specific practices and procedures. Furthermore, it does not relieve Missouri Western State College of its obligation to comply with all of the statutory regulatory provisions governing the Title IV programs.

I would like to express my appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the review. If you have any questions concerning this report, please call Mr. Corwin at our office at (816) 880-4062.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. LoBosco, Area Case Director  
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Case Management and Oversight  
Federal Student Aid

Cc: Angie Beam – Director of Financial Aid

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RE: Audit Control Number (ACN): 07-2006-72149
   FAC ACN: unassigned
   OPE ID Number: 00249000

Dear Dr. Scanlon:

The U.S. Department of Education (Department) has reviewed a single audit report of Missouri Western State University. This audit report, prepared by BKD, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, in accordance with the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, covers the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. This letter advises Missouri Western State University of the Department’s final audit determination concerning the portions of the audit report that relate to the programs authorized pursuant to Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1070 et seq. (Title IV, HEA programs).

The Department has reviewed the corrective action plan and/or management’s response provided with the audit report. Enclosed is the Department’s final audit determination for this audit. Although the enclosures to this letter may not address each of the auditor’s findings, the institution must take the necessary actions to correct all of the deficiencies noted in the audit report. The auditor must comment on all the actions taken by the institution to correct each finding noted in this audit report, as well as any required actions in the enclosures to this letter, in the "Prior Audit" section of the next regularly scheduled non-Federal audit.

Program records relating to the period covered by this audit must be retained until the later of: resolution of any loans, claims, or expenditures questioned in the audit, 34 C.F.R. §668.24(e)(3)(i), or the end of the retention period applicable to the record under 34 C.F.R. §668.24(e)(l) and (e)(2).

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Missouri Western State University's continued cooperation throughout the audit resolution process is appreciated. If the institution has any questions about our review, please call Rosanne Andre of my staff at 202-377-4227.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Phillip Brumbach, Sr.
Team Leader

Enclosure(s)

cc:  Lisa F. Siudym, Financial Aid Administrator
     North Central Association of Colleges and Schools - CIHE
     MO Coordinating Board of Higher Education
Finding: The auditor stated that the University did not submit changes in student enrollment status in a timely manner. The University's computer system was not properly processing status changes.

Final Audit Determination:

34 C.F.R. § 682.610(c) requires that a school must complete and return a student status confirmation report (SSCR) form (or other similar status confirmation report) within 30 days of its receipt. Further, the institution must promptly notify the lender when a recipient's status drops below half time and it does not expect to submit its next SSCR within the next 60 days. Documentation of the required submission and contacts is necessary to provide for a clear audit trail. The institution must review its procedures to ensure that it is in compliance with these regulatory requirements.

The University responded that the computer system has been corrected and status changes have been properly processed since that time. In addition, the University intends to verify student status submissions on a regular basis to ensure compliance in the future. The auditor, during the next regularly scheduled audit, must review and comment on the steps taken by the University to improve this area of federal program operations.