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Dear Dr. Lara,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to visit the campus of Western Kentucky University in order to meet with you and your colleagues and students and to provide an external review of your program. We not only examined the extensive collection of materials provided by you, but also made a site visit and made an in-depth evaluation of your program, its faculty and students. It is our pleasure to inform you that based upon our evaluation of the Master's degree program in Student Affairs in Higher Education at Western Kentucky University, we have found that your graduate program is in full compliance with all standards for such programs set by the Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education (CAS).

CAS does not provide formal certifications of compliance, but both of the external reviewers are members of the CAS Board of Directors, are extensively trained in making such evaluations, and are fully aware of the standards in this area. As you know, we have provided you with a formal report of our findings which makes several suggestions for improvement in the graduate program. While this is true, we commend the quality of the program and its faculty. You and your colleagues are providing a valuable service and education to your students and we hope that your hard work in the program and in this review will be recognized and supported by the University.

Best wishes,

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