

January 11, 2019

To: Administrative Leaders in Higher Education
Re: Letter of Reference, Dr. Drumm McNaughton

During the calendar year 2018, I served as Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) for LIGS University, an online institution seeking its initial accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission.

In my role as ALO I was responsible to oversee the development of the school's Institutional Report (IR); facilitation of its interaction with WASC staff, leaders and accrediting team members; and management of its preparation and hosting for the Seeking Accreditation Visit 1 (SAV1).

During that process, we engaged the advisory services of Dr. Drumm McNaughton, who helped us shape the IR's vision, position and execution; trained our leaders, administrators and staff members in accreditation visit policies, priorities and procedures, and advised us in areas of strategy, policy and process development related to the institution's accreditation efforts and overall direction.

As an experienced administrator, higher education entrepreneur and hands-on developer with over 30 years in the trenches of higher education, I consider myself qualified to review Dr. McNaughton's contributions from leadership, execution and value-add perspectives.

Without reservation, I give Dr. McNaughton's services my highest recommendation. If I was starting an institution or making an initial accreditation application, Drumm would be my first call. His insight into the unique environment of "SAV1" (initial accreditation) and practical, proactive knowledge and advice were, in my view, invaluable to LIGS and would benefit any SAV1 effort.

Dr. McNaughton's style is direct. Although he is well-versed in the nuances of higher education and the accreditation environment, his approach is practical, focused and results-driven. He speaks his truth in an unvarnished, direct and candid manor that stimulates action and results.

My opinions are based on extensive professional interactions with Dr. McNaughton over a period of approximately six months and an acquaintance of approximately one year.

I am available to provide further details by phone or email.

Sincerely,

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