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Dr. Ian Williamson
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Dear Dr. Williamson:

It is a pleasure to inform you that the Masters in Psychology Accreditation Council (MPAC) has voted to approve accreditation for the Master of Science Program in Psychology Clinical/Counseling Psychology Concentration at New Mexico Highlands University for a five year period.

The MPAC accreditation report, including a summary of the site visit, is enclosed. Among other suggestions for program improvement, we recommend that the department initiate a successful search and hiring of an additional full-time clinical faculty member. Although our usual accreditation period is 10 years, our concerns about the program's reliance on adjuncts to provide the substance of the clinical training led us to shorten the period to five years. If this recommendation is met prior to end of the five-year accreditation period, you can communicate this information to MPAC for the likely extension of the five-year accreditation to a full 10-year accreditation decision.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and your colleagues on this successful accreditation application. Congratulations to you all on the quality of the materials submitted to the Council, as well as the professional manner in which you have proceeded with the task. May I convey the best wishes of the Council as you continue your efforts to improve the quality of your strong program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Boyd". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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