



February 12, 2021

James Richardson
President
Wenatchee Valley College
1300 Fifth Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Dear President Richardson:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on January 13-15, 2021, concerning the Fall 2020 Ad Hoc Report with Visit of Wenatchee Valley College. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the optional Institutional Response to the Peer-Evaluation Report, and information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with Commissioners.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Non-Compliant
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Non-Compliant

Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendations are areas where Wenatchee Valley College is out of compliance with the NWCCU Standards for Accreditation. The Commission requires that Wenatchee Valley College take appropriate action to ensure these Recommendations are addressed and resolved in the prescribed two-year period.

The Commission recommends that Wenatchee Valley College:

- Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Document through an effective, regular, and comprehensive system of assessment, that students achieve identified learning outcomes at the course, program, and institutional level. Faculty with teaching responsibilities are responsible for evaluating student achievement of clearly identified learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Use the results of its assessment of student learning to inform academic and learning-support planning and practices that lead to enhancement of student learning achievements. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.7)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2021

- Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2022
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2025
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2026

Per [USDE guidance](#), all virtual accreditation site visits shall be followed by in-person campus visits within a reasonable time when public health conditions improve and are authorized by applicable law. Campus visits may be limited to focus on items identified in the Peer-Evaluation Report and may include fewer than all evaluation team members.

NWCCU is committed to an accreditation process that adds value to institutions while contributing to public accountability, and we thank you for your continued support of this process. If you have questions about any of the information in this letter, please contact your staff liaison, Dr. Ron Larsen, at rlarsen@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



Sonny Ramaswamy
President

cc: Mr. Richard Ty Jones, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning
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