



July 21, 2023

Dr. Laurie Chesley
President
Central Oregon Community College
2600 NW College Way
Bend, OR 97701

Dear President Chesley:

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 June 21-23, 2023, concerning the Spring 2023 Mid-Cycle Review of Central Oregon Community College.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Central Oregon Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Set and articulate meaningful objectives and indicators of its Community Enrichment goal to define mission fulfillment, and to improve its effectiveness in the context of and in comparison with regional and national peer institutions. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Refine its current practices to create an effective system of evaluation that systematically (integrated across all levels of course, program, and general education) assesses student learning outcomes to ensure currency and improvement of teaching, learning and student success. (2020 Standard 1.B.1, 1.C.5, 1.C.6, 1.C.7)

Future Evaluations

- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2026
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

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. Gita Bangera, at gbangera@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

cc: Dr. Annemarie Hamlin, VP of Academic Affairs
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