



July 23, 2021

Michael Reid
Chancellor
The University of Montana - Western
710 South Atlantic
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Dear Chancellor Reid:

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 23-25, 2021, concerning the Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Review of The University of Montana - Western.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 3: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and Revised to Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Review
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and Revised to Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Review
- Recommendation 1: Fall 2019 Mission and Core Themes - Fulfilled

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that The University of Montana - Western:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Review - Continue to plan, collect, analyze, review, and refine meaningful indicators of institutional goals and objectives that define mission fulfillment, and use the findings to evaluate institutional effectiveness, assign resources, and inform and enhance student learning, achievement, and support services. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1;1.B.2)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report Spring 2023
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Review
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2024
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2025

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. Selena Grace, at sgrace@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

cc: Dr. Anneliese A. Ripley, Dean of the School of Outreach and Director of Research and Grants
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