



March 1, 2024

Dr. Lisa Skari
President
Mt. Hood Community College
26000 S.E. Stark Street
Gresham, OR 97030

Dear President Skari:

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 30-February 2, 2024, concerning the Fall 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Mt. Hood Community College.

Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Ad Hoc Report with Visit - Fulfilled
- Finding Type 1: Fall 2022 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled
- Finding Type 2: Fall 2022 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Mt. Hood Community College for:

1. Its clear commitment to supporting students by reducing barriers and putting students first. As evidenced by student voices, MHCC embodies a culture of care for their students.
2. Designing, developing, and implementing a homegrown planning and assessment tool that the campus community finds user-friendly, responsive, and effective for documenting unit planning, assessment results, new budget requests, and unit reflection.
3. Its innovative approach to embedding an equity focus throughout their strategic plan.
4. Their thoughtful approach and broad participation in assessing student learning which takes into account faculty perspectives and needs while providing support through mentoring and training.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Mt. Hood Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Clearly identify the learning outcomes for transfer degrees to ensure that they offer an appropriate breadth, depth, sequencing, and synthesis of learning. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.2)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fully implement assessment of core (institutional) learning outcomes and uses assessment results to improve student learning. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6)
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Ensure that their credit for prior learning policy is clearly defined, widely published, and easily accessible. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.8)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report Spring 2025
- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2025
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2026
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2029
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2030

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

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Mr. Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission