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Dr. James Gaudino
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Dear President Gaudino:

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 9-11, 2019, concerning the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Central Washington University. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, and information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with Commissioners.

Accreditation

- Reaffirm Accreditation.

Commendations

The Commission commends Central Washington University for:

1. Its commitment to understanding, serving and enhancing the community. The University's curricular, co-curricular and collaborative programs and partnerships enhance the community, provide meaningful opportunities for student learning and engagement, and promote goodwill.
2. Building an institutional culture and identity around their commitment to serving students. Students expressed that they feel well supported by the institution.
3. The enthusiasm with which the entire University has embraced the regional accreditation process and participated in the site evaluation.

Recommendation Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendation is an area where Central Washington University is out of compliance with the NWCCU Standards for Accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period* (enclosed), the Commission requires that Central Washington University take appropriate action to ensure this Recommendation is addressed and resolved in the prescribed two-year period.

The Commission recommends that Central Washington University:

3. Collect and use assessment data to document that students have achieved learning outcomes, and

the Commission further recommends that the institution use the results of the assessment of student learning outcomes to inform academic and learning-support planning and practices that lead to enhancement of student learning achievements (Standards 4.A.3, 4.B.2).

Recommendations in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Central Washington University:

1. Evaluate the structure and effectiveness of academic advisement to support student development and success (Standard 2.D.10).
2. Integrate the division plans into a comprehensive institutional plan that is tied to the core themes and assessment data (Standards 3.B.1, 3.B.3).

Required Follow-Up

- Address Recommendation 3 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report as an addendum to the Spring 2020 Mission and Core Themes Report.
- Address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report as an addendum to the Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report.

Future Evaluations

- Mission and Core Themes Report in Spring 2020 with an addendum to address Recommendation 3 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation and visit in Fall 2021 with an addendum to address Recommendations 1 and 2 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Self-Evaluation and visit in Fall 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. Pamela Goad, Senior Vice President.

Sincerely,



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President

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