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Dr. Karla Bird  
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Blackfeet Community College  
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Dear President Bird:

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 19-21, 2019, concerning the Spring 2019 Mission and Core Themes Report and the Spring 2019 Ad Hoc Evaluation Report of Blackfeet Community College. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Reports.

#### **Accreditation Action**

- Accept the reports.
- Remove **Warning** on Recommendations 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Fall 2017 Mission Fulfillment Sustainability Evaluation Report based on Standards 2.A.1, 2.A.2, 2.A.4, 2.A.9, 2.A.10, 3.A.1, 3.A.2, 3.A.3, and 3.A.4
- Continue **Warning** on Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2017 Mission Fulfillment Sustainability Evaluation Report which is continued as Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2019 Ad Hoc Evaluation Report based on Standards 4.A, and 4.B
- Extend the timeline for good cause on Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2019 Ad Hoc Evaluation Report to come into compliance with the Standards

#### **Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation**

- Recommendations 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Fall 2017 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation Report -*Fulfilled*
- Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2017 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation is continued as Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2019 Ad Hoc Evaluation Report – *Out of Compliance*

#### **Recommendation Out of Compliance**

The Commission finds that the following Recommendation is an area where Blackfeet Community College 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 Blackfeet Community College take appropriate action to ensure this Recommendation is addressed and resolved in the prescribed two-year period.

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The Commission recommends that Blackfeet Community College:

1. Collaboratively develop a written, documented, systematic framework for assessment and improvement to include the major College units of instruction, student services, and administrative services. (Standards 4.A and 4.B)

**Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report without a visit to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2019 Ad Hoc Evaluation Report Fall 2020
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2020
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Fall 2024

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, Vice President Valerie Martinez.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Carol Murray, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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