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July 12, 2019

Dr. Kathi Hiyane-Brown  
President  
Whatcom Community College  
237 West Kellogg Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226

Dear President Hiyane-Brown:

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 Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Whatcom Community College. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the optional Institutional Response to the Peer-Evaluation Report, and information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with Commissioners.

#### **Accreditation**

- Reaffirm Accreditation

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

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2014 Mid-Cycle Review - *Fulfilled*

#### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Whatcom Community College for:

1. Building and sustaining a culture of collaboration and connectedness shared and embraced by both students and employees.
2. Its widespread and systematic use of data for decision-making and improvement.
3. The effectiveness of its faculty education workshops to advance professional development and student learning.

#### **Future Evaluations**


- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2022
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation Spring 2026

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Ramaswamy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonny" being more prominent.

Sonny Ramaswamy

President

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cc: Dr. Ed Harri, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
Dr. Ross Tomlin, Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation  
Committee Chair