



February 3, 2020

President Linda Schott
Southern Oregon University
1250 Siskiyou Blvd.
Ashland, OR 97520

Dear President Schott:

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 8-10, 2020, concerning the Fall 2019 Mid-Cycle Evaluation of Southern Oregon University. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report and the Peer-Evaluation Report.

Accreditation

- Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 3: Fall 2016 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2016 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 5: Fall 2016 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Southern Oregon University:

5. Continue to expand the use of assessment data and document the assessment processes and results to inform academic and learning support planning and practices that lead to enhancement in student learning achievements (i.e., "closing the loop"). Furthermore, the evaluators recommend that all graduate programs be included in the assessment processes. (2020 Standards: 1.C.7)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Spring 2021 to address:
 - Recommendation 5: Fall 2019 Mid-Cycle Review
- Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2022
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2023

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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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Ramaswamy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

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cc: Dr. Jody Waters, Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies
Dr. Maureen Andrade, Professor, Woodbury School of Business, Utah Valley University