



February 3, 2020

Chancellor Beth Weatherby
The University of Montana - Western
710 South Atlantic
Dillon, MT 59725-3598

Dear Chancellor Weatherby:

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 Mission and Core Themes Evaluation of The University of Montana - Western. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution's Self-Evaluation Report.

Accreditation

- Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance But in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that The University of Montana - Western:

1. Clearly defines mission fulfillment, and that it articulates institutional accomplishments or outcomes that represent an acceptable threshold or extent of mission fulfillment (2020 Standards: 1.B.2).

Future Evaluations

- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2021 with an addendum to address:
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2019 Mission and Core Themes
- Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2024
- Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 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.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

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cc: Dr. Deborah Hedeem, Provost