February 3, 2020

President Oliver Doyle  
University of Providence  
1301 20th Street South  
Great Falls, MT 59405

Dear President Doyle:

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, the Fall 2019 Financial Resources Review, and the Fall 2019 Ad Hoc Evaluation of the University of Providence. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the institution’s Self-Evaluation Reports.

Accreditation

- Accept the Ad Hoc Report
- Accept the Mission and Core Themes Evaluation
- Do Not Accept the Financial Resources Review Evaluation

The Commission requires that the University re-submit an FRR and host an onsite visit by NWCCU in Spring 2020. The FRR should be re-written to include specifics on obtaining and measuring realistic goals and objectives. Information regarding the impact of closing or starting programs, financial projections, enrollment, etc. must also be presented for analysis.

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Ad Hoc Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement (2020 Standards: 1.B.2)

Recommendations

The Commission modified Recommendation 9: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability to read:

9. The Commission encourages the University to continue to diligently instill a culture of evidence for the purpose of evaluating student achievement and institutional accomplishments with a particular focus on the Program Outcome Assessment Reporting (POAR), the Core Curriculum, and the associated pillars of its strategic plan including Academic Excellence, Retention and the Student Experience, and Mission Effectiveness (2020 Standards: 1.B.1).
Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Spring 2020 to address:
  - Recommendation 4: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 5: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 7: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 8: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability

- Financial Resources Review Spring 2020
- Financial Resources Review Fall 2020
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2021 with an addendum to address:
  - Recommendation 1: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 2: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 6: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
  - Recommendation 9: Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability

- 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,

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President

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