



February 27, 2023

Dr. Shari McMahan
President
Eastern Washington University
214 Showalter Hall
Cheney, WA 99004

Dear President McMahan:

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 25-27, 2023, concerning the Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Eastern Washington University. 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

- Finding 1: Spring 2021 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Eastern Washington University for:

1. Effective use of a Title 3 grant to adopt and institutionalize technology to improve academic advising, early warning, and related support systems such as program staff and case managers to address student needs.
2. Its deep commitment to its mission of student access, learning, development, and engagement and its strong belief in the real impact that EWU has on the lives of its students.
3. Its commitment to community engagement. The institution is providing an invaluable resource to the Spokane region and surrounding communities.
4. Its commitment to an inclusive campus environment.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Eastern Washington University:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Demonstrate a continuous process to assess institutional effectiveness relative to the institution's priorities. This includes a system by which data is collected, reviewed, used to inform decision making, and utilized for allocating resources across the entire institution in a cohesive manner. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1;1.B.2;1.B.3; 2.E.2)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Make further progress in its system of assessment institution-wide to evaluate the quality of learning in its programs and improve instructional programs by ensuring a clear path through all the assessment processes

and closing the loop by using assessment results as input into resource allocation processes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)

- Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Make publicly available select disaggregated indicators of student achievement that are clearly and systematically integrated into the assessment of institutional effectiveness. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.3)
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Review the diversity, equity, and inclusion programs in academic units, Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Student Affairs with a goal to reduce redundancy and increase support designed to close equity gaps. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.4)
- Recommendation 5: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - In its catalog provide information verifying required course sequences, and projected timelines to completion based on normal student progress and frequency of course offerings. (2020 Standard(s) 2.G.2)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2024
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2025
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 5: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2028
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2029

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, Dr. Ron Larsen, at rlarsen@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



Sonny Ramaswamy
President

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