



March 3, 2025

Dr. Chad Emerson Hickox
President
Walla Walla Community College
500 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear President Hickox:

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 28-31, 2025, concerning the Fall 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit of Walla Walla Community College.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Non-Compliant
- Recommendation 5: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fulfilled

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Walla Walla Community College:

- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop and implement a systematic learning outcomes assessment process that involves regular and comprehensive evaluation of identified program learning outcomes and institutional learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5;1.C.6)

Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendations are areas where Walla Walla Community College is out of compliance with the NWCCU Standards for Accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, the Commission requires that Walla Walla Community College take appropriate action to ensure these Recommendations are addressed and resolved within the prescribed four-year period, by no later than February 2027.

The Commission recommends that Walla Walla Community College:

- Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Utilize the results of learning outcomes assessments for continuous improvement, and to inform academic and learning support planning and practices. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.7)

Future Evaluations

- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2026
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2028
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 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. Ed Harri, at eharri@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Fox', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Fox
Interim President

cc: Dr. Nick Velluzzi, Vice President of Planning, Effectiveness, and Economic Development
Mr. Tim Burt, Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Scott Morrison, Academic Director, Liberal Arts Division, Western Nevada College
Mr. Michael Meotti, Executive Director, Washington Student Achievement Council