



August 5, 2026

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 July 7-10, 2026, concerning the Spring 2026 Mid-Cycle Review of Walla Walla Community College.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 1: Spring 2026 Mid-Cycle Review
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 4: 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 1: Spring 2026 Mid-Cycle Review - 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)
- 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

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2026 Mid-Cycle Review
 - Recommendation 3: 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 that reads "Selena M. Grace".

Selena M. Grace
President

cc: Dr. Nick Velluzzi, Vice President of Planning, Effectiveness, and Economic Development
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Dr. Birgit Meany, Dean of Instruction, Emerita, Ilisagvik College
Mr. Michael Meotti, Executive Director, Washington Student Achievement Council
Dr. Joyce Hammer, Deputy Executive Director for Education, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges