



February 27, 2023

Mark Browning
President
Blue Mountain Community College
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Dear President Browning:

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 and the Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review of Blue Mountain Community College. 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

Commendations

The Commission commends Blue Mountain Community College for:

1. Its campus centers, which effectively serve students, connect regularly with the main campus, and communicate with local stakeholders.
2. That despite adverse conditions, the campus community demonstrates resilience to assure that faculty and staff *put students first*. This was evident in conversations with all groups during the accreditation visit.
3. Its library that through its diverse learning support offerings it has responded admirably and effectively to reductions in staff, minimal budget, and the impacts of a global pandemic. The evaluation team received compliments from students and faculty regarding library support of their needs and for furthering the institution's mission.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Blue Mountain Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop and implement a continuous and ongoing process to assess institutional effectiveness based on meaningful goals, objectives, and indicators that demonstrate mission fulfillment. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1;1.B.2)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Maintain a stable and effective administrative structure and fully engage college constituencies in decision-making processes on matters in which each has a direct and reasonable interest. (2020 Standard(s) 2.A.2;2.A.4)

- Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop inclusive planning processes (e.g., strategic planning), that are data-informed and provide meaningful opportunities for campus and community stakeholders. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.3;1.B.4)
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Establish an effective system of assessment to evaluate instructional and non-instructional programs to continuously improve student learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 5: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Establish indicators; analyze and apply disaggregated data; benchmark results against peer institutions; widely share results; and use to close equity gaps. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.2;1.D.3;1.D.4)
- Recommendation 6: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Base resource allocation and staffing plans on an inclusive analysis of institutional capacity needs and equity gaps. (2020 Standard(s) 2.E.2;2.F.3;1.D.4)
- Recommendation 7: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Follow BMCC's administrative procedures regarding faculty evaluations on a regular and consistent basis. (2020 Standard(s) 2.F.4)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Spring 2024
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 6: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 7: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2025
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 5: 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. Gita Bangera, at gbangera@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



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President

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