



July 12, 2024

Dr. Carli Schiffner
President
Grays Harbor College
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Dear President Schiffner:

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 June 18-21, 2024, concerning the Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit and Financial Resources Review of Grays Harbor College.

Accreditation

Accept the Reports

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit
- Recommendation 5: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit
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Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Grays Harbor College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit - Engage in systematic assessment of its accomplishments, integrating the multiple planning processes to facilitate prioritization of resource allocation and the use of institutional capacity to ensure institutional effectiveness. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1;2.E.2;1.B.3)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit - Fully implement student learning outcomes assessment across all degrees and programs, including the general education program, and use the assessment results to inform planning and improvement. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5;1.C.6;1.C.7)

Future Evaluations

- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2025
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2026
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Ad Hoc Report with Visit

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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