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Mr. Robert Knight
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Dear President Knight:

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 9-11, 2019, concerning the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Clark 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.
- Grant accreditation at the Baccalaureate Level based on the implementation of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Dental Hygiene and Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Management, effective September 1, 2016.

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 2 of the Fall 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report is fulfilled with no further action required.

Commendations

The Commission commends Clark College for:

1. Faculty and staff efforts to be "student-ready" in support of student learning and success in and out of the classroom.
2. Creating student spaces that increase academic and social engagement, and for embracing the hard work of advancing social equity and its dedication to eliminating disparities in educational outcomes.
3. Its commitment to providing effective and inclusive methods of support for students with disabilities.
4. The Veteran's Center dedication to those who have served by providing an area where veterans may feel safe and access resources.
5. Its strong engagement with industry partners that leverages resources and results in opportunities for increased student programming and access to career and technical programs.

Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendations are areas where Clark 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, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period* (enclosed), the Commission requires that Clark College take appropriate action to ensure these Recommendations are addressed and resolved in the prescribed period.

The Commission recommends that Clark College:

5. Utilize a process for regular and documented review – with revision as necessary – of Board of Trustees policies, administrative policies and procedures, and departmental policies and procedures through its governance and decision-making structures, across all areas of campus (Standards 2.A.6, 2.A.13, 2.A.18, 2.F.3).
6. Develop, implement, and regularly review a technology update and replacement plan to ensure its technological infrastructure is adequate to support its operations, programs, and services (Standard 2.G.8).

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Clark College:

1. Ensure that the identified core themes individually manifest essential elements of its mission and collectively encompass the mission, and that each Core Theme is associated with objectives that have meaningful, assessable, and verifiable indicators and form the basis for evaluating accomplishment of the objectives (Standards 1.A.2, 1.B.1, 4.A.1).
2. Continue to clearly define the Core Theme Councils' functions within the College's governance structure and core theme planning processes (Standards 2.A.1, 3.A.2, 3.B.1).
3. Consistently complete and document assessment processes which provide meaningful data that is used to inform institutional planning, decision-making and resource allocation for program and service improvement for all programs and services (academic and nonacademic) (Standards 3.B.3, 4.B.1, 5.B.2).
4. Evaluate its general education outcomes through an effective and regular system that documents student achievement and can lead to improvements in programs and student learning (Standards 2.C.10, 4.B.2).

Required Follow-Up

- Address Recommendations 1, 2, 5, and 6 as an addendum to the Spring 2020 Mission and Core Themes Report.
- Address Recommendations 3 and 4 as an addendum to the Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report.

Future Evaluations

- Mission and Core Themes Report in Spring 2020 with an addendum to address Recommendations 1, 2, 5, and 6 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Mid-Cycle Evaluation and visit in Fall 2021 with an addendum to address Recommendations 3 and 4 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation and visit in Fall 2025.

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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, Senior Vice President, Dr. Les Steele.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Ms. Shanda Diehl, Accreditation Liaison Officer
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