



July 28, 2023

Mr. Kevin LaCoste
Interim President
Clatsop Community College
1651 Lexington Avenue
Astoria, OR 97103

Dear President LaCoste:

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 21-23, 2023, concerning the Spring 2023 Ad Hoc Report of Clatsop Community College.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Ad Hoc Report with Visit - Continued as Non-Compliant

Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendations are areas where Clatsop 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 Clatsop Community College take appropriate action to ensure these Recommendations are addressed. *The timeline to come into compliance has been extended for good cause, the institution's Accreditation Liaison Officer shall meet monthly with NWCCU Staff Liaison, Dr. Ron Larsen.*

The Commission recommends that Clatsop Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Ad Hoc Report with Visit - Review and revise institutional planning processes to ensure that data collectively support mission fulfillment and effective strategic decision-making. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1;1.B.3;1.B.4)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2024
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Ad Hoc Report with Visit
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2025
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2026

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

cc: Dr. Peter G. Williams, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs
Ms. Trudy Van Dusen Citovic, Board Chair
Mr. Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission