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Dr. G. Craig Williford
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Dear President Williford:

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 19-21, 2019, concerning the Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Multnomah University. 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 Multnomah University for:

1. The faculty, staff and administrator commitment to the Multnomah University student experience. The committee noted example after example of hard work, dedication, tough decisions, and resilience in living out the university's mission.
2. The Emergency Preparedness Committee for excellent and timely work developing the university's Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan.
3. The Senior Leadership Team for exemplifying communication, listening, and accepting input from across the institution as illustrated in the document *Commitment to Covenant Living Expressed in Shared Governance*.

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2014 Mid-Cycle Review - *Continued as Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report - Non-Compliant*
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2014 Mid-Cycle Review - *Fulfilled*
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2014 Mid-Cycle Review - *Fulfilled*
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2014 Mid-Cycle Review - *Fulfilled*

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Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendation is an area where Multnomah University 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 Multnomah University take appropriate action to ensure this Recommendation is addressed and resolved in the prescribed two-year period.

The Commission recommends that Multnomah University:

1. Fully implement a comprehensive academic assessment plan for all academic programs, including the general education program, that uses analysis of meaningful student learning data to enhance student achievement (Standards 2.C.10, 4.A.1, 4.A.3 and 4.B.2).

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Multnomah University:

2. Carefully monitor all aspects of its financial operations and ensure that future plans are based on realistic budgetary and enrollment projections (Standards 2.F.1, 2.F.2).

Required Follow-Up

- Financial Resources Review Fall 2020
 - Address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report
- Ad Hoc Report without a visit Fall 2020
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report without a visit in Fall 2020
 - Address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report
- Mid-Cycle Evaluation Spring 2022
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation Spring 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, Vice President Valerie Martinez.

Sincerely,



Sonny Ramaswamy
President

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cc: Dr. Dave Funk, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Dr. Jim Heugel, Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Committee Chair