



July 12, 2024

Dr. Sarah Bolton
President
Whitman College
345 Boyer Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear President Bolton:

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 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Whitman College.

Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Finding Type 1: Spring 2023 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Whitman College for:

1. Its innovative initiatives such as +French and the Fly-In program.
2. Its broad and deep commitment to equity and inclusion across campus.
3. President's Budget Advisory Committee's intentional facilitation of significant investments in meeting 100% of student need, career coaching, and first-year seminar.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Whitman College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continue improving its system of assessment to be effective in evaluating the quality of learning in its programs. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Demonstrate systematic evaluation and planning processes to inform and refine its effectiveness and assign resources in support of student learning and achievement. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)

Future Evaluations

- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2030
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2031

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,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

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