



July 12, 2024

Mr. Craig Smith  
President  
Fort Peck Community College  
605 Indian Avenue  
Poplar, MT 59255

Dear President Smith:

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 of Fort Peck Community College.

**Accreditation**

Accept the Report

**Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation**

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 5: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continued as Needs Improvement

**Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement**

The Commission recommends that Fort Peck Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Engage in a regular and systematic process to assess its core themes, strategic plan, academic programs, and support services, with the goal of aligning institutional resources to improve student learning and achievement. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop a threshold for its definition of mission fulfillment. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2)
- Recommendation 5: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Use its regional and national peer disaggregated data to set benchmarks of student achievement and publish and share that information widely to effectively inform institutional planning, decision-making, and resource allocation. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.3)

**Future Evaluations**

- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2025
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 5: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2028
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2029

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. Selena Grace, at [sgrace@nwccu.org](mailto:sgrace@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy  
President

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Mr. Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System