



August 11, 2025

Dr. Roberto Gutierrez
President
Klamath Community College
7390 South 6th Street
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Dear President Gutierrez:

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 July 8-11, 2025, concerning the Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Klamath Community College.

Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Finding Type 2: Spring 2024 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Klamath Community College for:

1. Creating a welcoming environment for students, consistently providing for their basic needs, and supporting their academic success through offering a wide variety of college, foundation, and grant-funded services.
2. KCC's information services for their extraordinary contributions to student success by creating a program to donate surplus computer hardware and peripherals to students in financial need.
3. The pivotal role that institutional research plays in supporting institutional and program planning and analysis for continuous improvement.
4. A comprehensive, systematic instructional and non-instructional program review process facilitated by the Continuous Improvement and Innovation Committee. The process facilitates cross-divisional understanding of programs and priorities across the college that play an instrumental role in the annual budget process, which is tied to the college's strategic plan.
5. Its marketing, outreach, and recruitment plan that is integrally tied to the college's mission and strategic plan.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Klamath Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Formalize the meaningful role faculty play in establishing the curriculum. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Create an evaluation process for staff that is equitable, fair, and consistent. (2020 Standard(s) 2.F.4)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2026 to address implementation of Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree
- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2026
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2028
- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2028
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2025 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2031

- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2032

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,



Selena M. Grace
President

cc: Mrs. Jamie Jennings, CAO/Vice President of Academic Affairs
Mr. Dave Jensen, Board Chair
Mrs. Brenda Hanson, Director, Assessment, Accreditation, and Compliance, Flathead Valley
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Mr. Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission