



July 21, 2023

Dr. Jane A. Karas  
President  
Flathead Valley Community College  
777 Grandview Drive  
Kalispell, MT 59901

Dear President Karas:

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 Mid-Cycle Review of Flathead Valley Community College.

### **Accreditation**

Accept the Report

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

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 5: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement

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

The Commission recommends that Flathead Valley Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Ensure core theme planning, inclusive of outcomes, indicators, and targets, guides the selection, implementation, alignment, correlation, and integration of programs and services at all levels. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2;1.B.4)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fully implement the use and analysis of meaningful, assessable, verifiable data to evaluate core theme objectives in Developmental Education, Community Education, and Workforce Preparation. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Track program, service, and core theme outcomes and compare that data to meaningful targets with a purpose of authentic achievements and results that lead to improvement. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.4;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Document how core theme indicators and the assessment process drive planning and resource allocation. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.3)
- Recommendation 5: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Use the results of evidence-based assessment to make data-driven decisions around quality and effectiveness of college efforts leading to mission fulfillment. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.7;1.D.2)

### **Future Evaluations**

- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2026
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2027

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Recommendation 5: Spring 2020 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability

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](mailto:gbangera@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



Sonny Ramaswamy  
President

cc: Mrs. Brenda Hanson, Dean of Compliance  
Mr. Peter Akey, Board Chair  
Dr. Ross Tomlin, President, Tillamook Bay Community College  
Mr. Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System