



February 27, 2023

Dr. Federico Zaragoza
President
College of Southern Nevada
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Dear President Zaragoza:

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 January 25-27, 2023, concerning the Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of College of Southern Nevada. 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

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2015 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2015 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2015 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Finding 1: Fall 2021 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends College of Southern Nevada for:

1. Making Students First its words to live by in every position, service, and action it takes.
2. Maintaining strong relationships with the community, including business, industry, universities, and secondary systems to produce exceptionally high-quality learning environments.
3. Exceptional work and many long hours offered in support of students during the transition away from developmental education.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that College of Southern Nevada:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Implement processes that ensure students receive clear, accurate, easily accessible, and consistent information for program completion. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.4;1.D.1; 2.G.6)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Assess the structure of student advising, ensure adequate allocation of staffing throughout the college, and evaluate the distribution of leadership positions to ensure smooth operations at all levels of the college. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.1; 2.F.3)

- Recommendation 3: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Identify a meaningful way to systematically assess institutional student learning outcomes and use the results to continuously improve student learning. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6)
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Establish an inclusive process to develop policy-making processes and procedures and a shared governance model that demonstrates institutional decisions being made in a timely manner. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.3; 2.A.1)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2024
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2025
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: 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. Ed Harri, at eharri@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



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President

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