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Dear President Solis:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning the Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation of Western Nevada College by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on June 27-29, 2018. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the Institution 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.

Based on these materials and deliberations, the Commissioners took the following actions:

Accreditation

- Reaffirm Accreditation.

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendations 1 and 4 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report are fulfilled and no further action is required.
- Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2010 Comprehensive Peer-Evaluation Report is continued as Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report and is an area of non-compliance.

Recommendation: Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendation is an area where Western Nevada College is out of compliance with the NWCCU Standards for Accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period* (attached), the Commission requires that Western Nevada College take appropriate action to ensure this Recommendation is addressed and resolved in the prescribed period. The Commission recommends that the College:

1. Fully implement its plan to conduct comprehensive assessment of all of its programs. Progress on collecting and analyzing data that creates specific improvement actions must be a College priority (4.A.2, 4.A.3, 4.B.2).

Recommendations: Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation In Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that the College:

2. Fully implement plans for catastrophic event(s) that significantly interrupts normal operations, resulting in a comprehensive continuity and recovery of operations plan (3.A.5).
3. Evaluate holistically the alignment, correlation, and integration of programs and services, develop comprehensive plans that articulate priorities and guide decisions, and utilize assessments results that are a) based on meaningful institutionally identified indicators of achievement, and b) used for improvement by informing planning, decision making, and allocation of resources and capacity (3.A.4, 4.A.4, 4.A.5, 4.B.1).

Required Follow-Up

- Address Recommendations 2 and 3 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report in an addendum to the Fall 2019 Mission and Core Themes Report.
- Address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Report with a visit in Fall 2019.

Commendations: Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation

The Commission commends Western Nevada College in particular for the following:

1. Securing external sources of funding to enhance and remodel academic and student support spaces.
2. The Administration's transparent communication with the campus community.
3. Faculty, staff, and administration resiliency in overcoming severe state funding cuts.
4. Investing in innovative strategies to increase access, such as Jump Start, Latino Cohort, Veteran's Resource Center, and reopening of the Fallon Nursing Program.
5. As One College Serving Many Communities as demonstrated by the Fallon Campus and its commitment to the community that it serves.

Future Evaluations

- Mission and Core Themes Report in Fall 2019 to include an Addendum to address Recommendations 2 and 3 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer Evaluation Report.
- Ad Hoc Report in Fall 2019 with a visit to address Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation and visit in Spring 2021.
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Self-Evaluation and visit in Spring 2025.

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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 NWCCU.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Mr. Scott Morrison, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Mr. Kevin Page, Chair, Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents
Dr. Derek Brandes, Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Committee Chair