



February 12, 2021

F. King Alexander
President
Oregon State University
624 Kerr Administration Building
Corvallis, OR 97331-2128

Dear President Alexander:

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 13-15, 2021, concerning the Fall 2020 Special Report and the Fall 2020 Ad Hoc Report of Oregon State University.

Accreditation

Accept the Reports

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Oregon State University:

- Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continue to exercise great care that credit and degrees, wherever offered and however delivered, are based on documented student achievement of the established Oregon State University learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.2)
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Use the results of core theme assessments, particularly student learning outcomes assessment, more consistently for improvement by informing planning, decision-making, and allocation of resources and capacity. Make student learning outcomes assessment results available to constituencies outside Oregon State University in a timely manner. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.3;1.D.4)

Future Evaluations

- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2022
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
 - Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2025
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2026

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. Ron Larsen, at rlarsen@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Ramaswamy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sonny" being more prominent than the last name "Ramaswamy".

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

cc: Dr. Alix Gitelman, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education
Ms. Rani Borkar, Chair, Oregon State University Board of Trustees