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Dr. Marlene Tromp
President
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Dear President Tromp:

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 19-21, 2019, concerning the Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Boise State University. 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

Commendations

The Commission commends Boise State University for:

1. Its significant progress in improving student retention rates and graduation rates, expanding its research and graduate programs, and enhancing its engagement with the metropolitan and rural communities to increase access to its educational programs and other learning, cultural and research-based resources offered by the university.
2. Its initiatives around early academic success and for offering considerable opportunities for students to apply what they learn through community internships, service learning, and on-campus continued learning programs.
3. Its Student Affairs Division focus on recruiting, retention, and employability and how this focus informs and allocates resources to services and units within Student Affairs.
4. Its responsibly funding and expanding its physical infrastructure to support the university's growth in students and academic programs.
5. Its collaborative leadership, support, and implementation of open educational resources (OER) to reduce the cost to students of course materials and to make them accessible regardless of location.
6. Its efforts to develop interdisciplinary graduate programs and infrastructure to support research and development.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Boise State University:

1. Document the assessment of all academic programs and use the results of its assessments to inform academic and student-learning planning and practices (Standards 4.A.3, 4.B.2).
2. Continue to plan, assess, and improve initiatives that reduce gaps in undergraduate and graduate retention and graduation metrics (Standards 4.A.6).
3. Stabilize its administrative and academic leadership teams to ensure effective leadership and management of the institution's academic, support and operational functions and units to foster the fulfillment of its mission (Standards 2.A.9, 2.A.11).

Required Follow-Up

- Mid-Cycle Review with an addendum Spring 2022
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
 - Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability

Future Evaluations

- Mid-Cycle Review with an addendum Spring 2022
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
 - Recommendation 3: Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation 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, Senior Vice President Mac Powell.

Sincerely,



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President

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Sabah Randhawa, Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Committee Chair