

February 27, 2023

Dr. Karin Hilgersom President Truckee Meadows Community College 7000 Dandini Boulevard Reno, NV 89512

Dear President Hilgersom:

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 Truckee Meadows Community College. 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

• Finding 1: Fall 2021 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

# Commendations

The Commission commends Truckee Meadows Community College for:

- Its strong connection to the community as evidenced by active advisory committees for technical programs, strong ties to industry as was apparent by state-of-the-art equipment and capital resources at campus centers, and its utilization of an institutional advisory council as part of the overarching planning process.
- 2. Their process of streamlining their KPIs to support their strategic master plan and developing a comprehensive set of forward-facing data dashboards that are easily accessible and utilized in planning and resource allocation.

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

The Commission recommends that Truckee Meadows Community College:

 Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop a transparent and integrated system of summative student learning outcomes assessment at the program and institutional level that leads to demonstrated learning improvement across all programs. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5)

# **Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2024
  - o Recommendation 1: Fall 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2025
- 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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