



February 12, 2021

Waded Cruzado
President
Montana State University - Bozeman
211 Montana Hall
Bozeman, MT 59717

Dear President Cruzado:

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 Mid-Cycle Review of Montana State University - Bozeman.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 2: Fall 2017 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 1: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2017 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 2: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2017 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 3: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Montana State University - Bozeman:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review - Inform core theme planning via the consistent collection of appropriately defined data that are analyzed and used to evaluate the accomplishment of the core theme objectives. (2010 Standard(s) 3.B.3)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review - Assess student achievement and learning so that students who complete any educational courses, programs, and degrees, wherever offered and however delivered, achieve identified course, program, and degree learning outcomes. (2010 Standard(s) 4.A.3)
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review - Consistently use assessment results to make determinations of quality, effectiveness and mission fulfillment and communicate its conclusions to appropriate constituencies and the public. (2010 Standard(s) 5.A.2)

Future Evaluations

- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2023
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2024
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review
 - Recommendation 3: Fall 2020 Mid-Cycle Review

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. Mac Powell, at mpowell@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,



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President

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