



Montana State University Billings scheduled for next comprehensive accreditation evaluation October 13-15, 2008

Montana State University Billings is scheduled for its next comprehensive accreditation evaluation October 13-15, 2008. The evaluation will be conducted by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, one of six regional accrediting agencies approved by the U.S. Department of Education, and the one having responsibilities for oversight of colleges and universities in the Montana University System. Montana State University Billings' last comprehensive evaluation was in the fall of 1998 and its accreditation status was last reaffirmed by the Commission in October of 2003.

The purpose of a comprehensive evaluation is to review and evaluate the performance, integrity, and quality of educational institutions that entitles them to the confidence of its peers, constituencies, and general public. This notice is an invitation to send comments regarding the institution's qualification for continued accreditation. Comments are accepted only when submitted in writing and are signed. These should be sent directly to the commission at:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
8060 165th Avenue N.E. Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052-1981

Telephone number: 425-558-4224
Fax number 425-376-0596

Deadline for submitting comments is: September 12, 2008

Signed comments will be made available to members of the evaluation committee and the University at least ten days prior to the scheduled evaluation.

Persons wishing detailed information regarding the commission's Policy A-5, Public Notification and Third Party Comments Regarding Full-Scale Evaluations, may contact the commission at the phone number above or may access www.nwccu.org and use the following link **Standards and Policies** and then **Operational Policies** to receive a copy or review the policy on line.