



February 18, 2022

Stefani Gray Hicswa
Chancellor
Montana State University - Billings
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Dear Chancellor Hicswa:

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 18-20, 2022, concerning the Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review of Montana State University - Billings.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 2: Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and revised to Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review
- Recommendation 4: Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Montana State University - Billings:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review - Demonstrate a commitment to stabilize its administrative team and provide effective leadership and management, with appropriate levels of responsibility and accountability, for the major support and operational functions and units to foster fulfillment of its mission. (2020 Standard(s) 2.F.3)

Future Evaluations

- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2024
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Review
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2025

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,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

cc: Ms. Kathleen Thatcher, Director of Assessment and Accreditation
Mr. Casey Lozar, Chair, Montana Board of Regents
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