

February 18, 2022

Dr. Brad Mortensen President Weber State University 1006 University Circle Ogden, UT 84408-1006

Dear President Mortensen:

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 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Weber 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 Weber State University for:

- Its culture of caring and meaningful connection with students.
- Commitment to student success, particularly its data-driven interventions to improve retention and completion for all students, and for the tailored interventions designed to improve the retention and completion for the institution's most high-risk students.
- Its approach to general education assessment, in particular its use of signature assignments to assess students' application of knowledge and use of critical skills.
- Diligence in engaging pre-college students and helping them transition successfully into and through the university to achieve their educational goals.

Future Evaluations

- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2024
- Year 6 Standard 2 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2027
- Year 7 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2028

Per <u>USDE guidance</u>, all virtual accreditation site visits shall be followed by in-person campus visits within a reasonable time when public health conditions improve and are authorized by applicable law. Campus visits may be limited to focus on items identified in the Peer-Evaluation Report and may include fewer than all evaluation team members.

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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cc: Dr. Eric Amsel, Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Assessment

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