



March 3, 2025

Dr. John Scholz  
President  
University of Oregon  
1585 East 13th Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97403

Dear President Scholz:

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 28-31, 2025, concerning the Fall 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of University of Oregon.

#### **Accreditation**

Reaffirm Accreditation

#### **Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation**

- Finding Type 1: Spring 2023 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

#### **Commendations**

The Commission commends University of Oregon for:

1. For the Institutional Data Experts and Analysts Collaborative (IDEA) for developing improved data systems to better understand the institution and breaking down barriers for campus constituents to use data in decision making.
2. For the inclusion of faculty, staff, and students in the University Senate.
3. For the strong sense of tradition and pride in being a Duck among students, employees, and alumni.
4. For its strong philanthropic programs that have led to innovation.

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

The Commission recommends that University of Oregon:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Build upon its success in reformulating its general education program by constructing and executing a rigorous and comprehensive Core Education assessment plan that uses its results to improve student learning outcomes. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Systematically evaluate the effectiveness of academic advising to ensure that all students have knowledge of and access to appropriate programs and services that support their success. (2020 Standard(s) 2.G.6)
- Recommendation 3: Fall 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop a process to assess sufficiency of faculty, administrators, and staff to ensure that schools and colleges and administrative units meet and maintain necessary functions. (2020 Standard(s) 2.F.3)

#### **Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2026
  - Recommendation 3: Fall 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2027
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 2: Fall 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2030
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2031

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](mailto:eharri@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



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