

July 12, 2024

Amit B. Singh President Edmonds College 20000 68th Avenue West Lynnwood, WA 98036-5999

# Dear President Singh:

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 June 18-21, 2024, concerning the Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Edmonds College.

#### Accreditation

Reaffirm Accreditation

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Edmonds College for:

- Innovative approach to creating cutting edge programs and community partnerships.
- Commitment to keeping student success at the forefront of everything they do inside and outside the classroom. Faculty and staff cultivate a sense of belonging, increasing student engagement and success.
- Cultivation of opportunities for students to learn real-world skills as they develop their career readiness, support college departments, directly assist fellow students, and serve as role models and leaders for other students.
- Highly engaged, collaborative cross-functional teams that carry out the student success work at the college.

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

The Commission recommends that Edmonds College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Provide evidence that its planning process is inclusive and offers opportunities for input by appropriate constituencies, allocates necessary resources, and leads to improvement of institutional effectiveness. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.3)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Implement an effective
  assessment process to consistently measure student achievement of program learning outcomes for the
  continuous improvement of instructional programs. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5;1.C.7)
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Implement an assessment process to consistently measure student achievement of general education learning outcomes that leads to continuous improvement in student learning across the college. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6)
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Demonstrate that
  administration includes documented decision-making structures and processes that consider the views of
  faculty, staff, administrators, and students on matters in which each group has a direct and reasonable
  interest. (2020 Standard(s) 2.A.4)

## **Future Evaluations**

- Ad Hoc Report Spring 2026
- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Spring 2026
  - o Recommendation 4: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2027

- o Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- o Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 Standard 2 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2030
- Year 7 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 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.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy President

cc: Mr. Jim Mulik M.A.S., Vice President for Finance, Grants, and Institutional Effectiveness

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