



July 25, 2022

Dr. L. Dean Fisher  
President  
College of Southern Idaho  
315 Falls Ave  
Twin Falls, ID 83301-1238

Dear President Fisher:

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 21-24, 2022, concerning the Spring 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of College of Southern Idaho. 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

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

- Finding 1: Spring 2021 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled
- Finding 2: Spring 2021 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends College of Southern Idaho for:

1. Its comprehensive and collaborative student-centered culture that guides institutional planning, strategy development, business decisions, community relations, and everyday academic and student support operations.
2. Its commitment to access as evidenced by its dual credit programs.
3. Its commitment to the continuous improvement of student learning through the systematic learning outcome assessment process.

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

The Commission recommends that College of Southern Idaho:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continue to expand assessment efforts to evaluate student learning in dual credit programs and instructional sites outside of the main campus. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.5;1.C.6)

### **Future Evaluations**

- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2025
  - Recommendation 1: Spring 2022 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2028
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2029

Per [USDE guidance](#), 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. Gita Bangera, at [gbangera@nwccu.org](mailto:gbangera@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



Sonny Ramaswamy  
President

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