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Dr. Wim Wiewel  
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Dear President Wiewel:

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 9-11, 2019, concerning the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation of Lewis and Clark College. 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**

- Recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of the Spring 2014 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report are fulfilled and no further action is required.
- Recommendation 4 of the Spring 2014 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report is continued as Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation Report.

#### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Lewis and Clark College for:

1. The faculty-led process by which the new General Education program was developed and is being implemented. By all accounts, the process has been inspiring, thoughtful, inclusive, and collaborative, resulting in a program that is broadly supported.
2. The thoughtful, collaborative, and productive work of the Overseas and Off-Campus Programs Office with multiple offices across campus. In keeping with Lewis and Clark College's deep commitment to global and community engagement, this work includes a high percentage of students and other constituent groups in a diverse array of study-away programs and support of participants in all phases of the process.
3. Initiating the Strategic Enrollment Management process as a holistic, systematic, and data informed approach. This work is reflective of the College's current commitment to incorporating transparency and rigorous analyses of data in strategic decision making.
4. Its integrated commitment to sustainability that goes well beyond environmental conservation. As evidenced by the comprehensive organizational approach across physical operations and facilities, academic programming and community outreach, Lewis and Clark College demonstrates a deep commitment to its educational mission in cultivating global thinkers and leaders.

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

The Commission recommends that Lewis and Clark College:

1. Develop and implement an assessment plan for the new General Education curriculum that aligns with Core Themes and program goals (Standards 2.C.9, 2.C.10, 4.A.1, and 4.B.2).
2. Develop meaningful, assessable, and verifiable indicators of achievement for evaluating the objectives of all Core Themes (Standards 1.B.2 and 3.B.3).
3. Align the Core Themes with the strategic plan recently approved by the Board of Trustees (Standards 1.B.1, 3.B.1, and 4.B.1).
4. Routinely engage in a process of iterative, evidence-based assessment of its accomplishments to make determinations of quality, effectiveness, and mission fulfillment (Standards 3.B.1, 4.B.1, 5.A.1, and 5.A.2).

### **Required Follow-Up**

- Address Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report as an addendum to the Fall 2021 Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report.

### **Future Evaluations**

- Mid-Cycle Evaluation and visit in Fall 2021 with an addendum to address Recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Fall 2018 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation and visit in 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, Senior Fellow Dr. Mac Powell.

Sincerely,



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President

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cc: Dr. Mark Figueroa, Accreditation Liaison Officer  
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