



July 23, 2021

Ivan L. Harrell II  
President  
Tacoma Community College  
6501 South 19th Street  
Tacoma, WA 98466-6100

Dear President Harrell:

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 23-25, 2021, concerning the Spring 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Tacoma Community 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

#### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Tacoma Community College for:

1. Facilitating a climate of respect, open and honest communication, transparency, and trust throughout the campus community.
2. Its inclusive strategic planning process and commitment to successful implementation of the plan.
3. Its commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion through intentional and consistent use of an equity framework in instruction, planning, and support of students and employees.
4. Its widespread use of data for decision making and improvement, and its campus-wide support of data literacy.

#### **Future Evaluations**

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

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. Mac Powell, at [mpowell@nwccu.org](mailto:mpowell@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy  
President

cc: Ms. Lillian Ferraz, Accreditation Liaison and Strategic Planning Officer  
Mrs. Liz Dunbar, Chair of Board  
Dr. Scott Mickelsen, President, Dawson Community College