



July 21, 2023

Dr. Nagi G. Naganathan
President
Oregon Institute of Technology
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Dear President Naganathan:

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 21-23, 2023, concerning the Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Oregon Institute of Technology. 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

- Recommendation 3: Spring 2016 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 5: Spring 2016 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Fulfilled
- Recommendation 1: Fall 2020 Ad Hoc Report - Fulfilled
- Finding Type 1: Spring 2022 Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review - Fulfilled

Commendations

The Commission commends Oregon Institute of Technology for:

1. Their passionate commitment to students, including their learning, belonging, and future success.
2. Its commitment to its institutional mission as a polytechnic university as demonstrated through learning outcomes aligned with industry standards, industry partnerships that facilitate meaningful externships, high job placement rates, and industry-imbedded research opportunities.
3. On the design of its student success data dashboard, which makes it particularly easy and intuitive for faculty and administration to find the information needed to make data-driven decisions.
4. The library for cross-departmental collaboration in support of student success, including the use of the library space for student events and for supporting diversity, equity and inclusion on campus through the purchase of needed materials.

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Oregon Institute of Technology:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop decision-making structures and processes, which are documented and publicly available, and which include provisions for the consideration of the views of faculty, staff, administrators, and students on matters in which each has a direct and reasonable interest. (2020 Standard(s) 2.A.4)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Employ faculty and staff, sufficient in role, number, and qualifications to achieve its organizational responsibilities, educational

objectives, establish and oversee academic policies, and ensure the integrity and continuity of its academic programs. (2020 Standard(s) 2.F.3)

- Recommendation 3: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Use an ongoing and systematic evaluation process to inform and refine its institutional effectiveness and assign resources. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)
- Recommendation 4: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Provide evidence that its planning process is inclusive and offers opportunities for comment by appropriate constituencies, allocates necessary resources, and leads to improvement of institutional effectiveness. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.3)

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report Fall 2023
 - *To address implementation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program*
- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Spring 2025
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 4: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2026
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2029
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2030

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.

Sincerely,



Sonny Ramaswamy
President

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