



July 21, 2023

Dr. Lin Zhou  
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Dear President Zhou:

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 Bates Technical 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**

- Recommendation 7: Fall 2013 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability - Continued as Needs Improvement and Revised to Recommendation 3: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

#### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Bates Technical College for:

1. Its pervasive student-centered mindset that provides high-quality student support services and student-faculty interactions.
2. The excellent and participatory program advisory committees.
3. An evident culture of cooperation and collegiality at all levels of the institution.

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

The Commission recommends that Bates Technical College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Develop a planning process that integrates its committee structure, evaluation processes, Program Review, and budget allocation process to align with the college's Strategic Plan. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.1)
- Recommendation 2: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Review and establish institutionally meaningful goals and related metrics that comprehensively measure goal achievement and effectively inform institutional effectiveness in the context of and in comparison, with regional and national peer institutions. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2; 1.D.2)
- Recommendation 3: Spring 2023 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Continue the development of a comprehensive and systematic college-wide system of student learning outcome assessment that represents all programs including general education. The institution should show demonstrable evidence of continuous improvement resulting from the assessment cycle. (2020 Standard(s) 1.C.6; 1.C.7)

### Future Evaluations

- 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
- 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. Ed Harri, at [eharri@nwccu.org](mailto:eharri@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,



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President

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