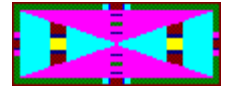


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Subject: Important Update Regarding Little Big Horn College's Accreditation

Dear Students and Staff,

I am writing to share an important update regarding the institution's accreditation.

On August 5, 2026, Little Big Horn College received formal notification from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), our accreditation agency, that the Commission has placed Little Big Horn College on **Show Cause**.

At this time, the college remains accredited and continues its academic and student-support operations. Show Cause is a formal accreditation sanction, and we take this action very seriously. NWCCU has issued the sanction because of significant concerns regarding governance, leadership, and institutional performance and has stated that our accreditation is in jeopardy while those concerns remain unresolved. The Commission has modified one recommendation from the 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness, concerning staffing of the college and has issued two additional recommendations; one dealing with Board governance and leadership qualifications and autonomy. NWCCU has established August 5, 2029, as the deadline for the college to address and resolve issues of non-compliance.

I recognize that the finding of show cause may be unsettling. I do not want to minimize the seriousness of this action, nor do I want it to create unnecessary fear. You deserve to hear directly from us what we know, what is required of us, and what it means for you.

As part of the show cause sanction, NWCCU is also requiring the college to prepare teach-out plans and agreements. The plan must identify currently enrolled students, our academic programs, and other institutions offering similar programs that could teach-out our programs if such arrangements become necessary. These are contingency plans designed to protect students. Preparing one does not mean that our accreditation has been withdrawn. It does mean that we have a responsibility to prepare carefully for different possibilities while continuing to address and resolve our challenges.

We guarantee to work hard to resolve all issues of non-compliance. We recognize that in doing so, we will become a stronger institution and better serve our students and our community. We will provide information as it becomes available and will be careful not to make commitments that we cannot support. Additional information about Little Big Horn's accreditation status and the NWCCU action is available at lbhc.edu.

Throughout this work, our responsibilities are clear; **students must and will remain at the center of our decisions**. We will continue to communicate with you as openly and accurately as we can.

Sincerely,

Patricia Whiteman
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