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Dr. Luke Robins  
President  
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Dear President Robins:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning the Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation of Peninsula College by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) at its meeting on June 27-29, 2018. This action was taken after consideration of evidence, including the Institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the Institutional Response to the Peer-Evaluation Report, and information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with Commissioners.

Based on these materials and deliberations, the Commissioners took the following actions:

**Accreditation**

- Reaffirm Accreditation.

**Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation**

- Recommendation 1 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report is fulfilled with no further action required.
- Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report is continued and is now an area of non-compliance.
- Recommendation 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report is continued and is an area substantially in compliance, but in need of improvement.

**Recommendation:** Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendation is an area where Peninsula College is out of compliance with the NWCCU Standards for Accreditation. According to U.S. Department of Education Regulation 34 CFR 602.20 and Commission Policy, *Commission Action Regarding Institutional Compliance Within Specified Period* (attached), the Commission requires that Peninsula College take appropriate action to ensure this Recommendation is addressed and resolved in the prescribed period. The Commission recommends that the College:

3. Demonstrate through an effective, regular, and comprehensive system of assessment of student achievement, that students who complete its educational courses, programs, and degrees, wherever offered and however delivered, achieve identified course, program, and degree learning outcomes and yield meaningful results that lead to improvement (4.A.3; 4.B.2).

**Recommendations:** Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation In Need of Improvement  
The Commission recommends that the College:

1. Develop, implement, and review a technology update and replacement plan to ensure its technological infrastructure is adequate to support its operations, programs, and services (2.G.8).
2. Implement a comprehensive system of institutional planning that exemplifies the interdependent nature of its functions, operations, and resources to accomplish its core theme objectives and to fulfill its mission (3.A.1; 3.A.2; 3.A.3; 3.A.4; 3.B.1).
4. Documents and evaluates its cycle of planning and assessment of results to ensure their adequacy, alignment, and effectiveness and uses the results to make changes, as necessary, for improvement (5.B.2).

**Required Follow-Up**

- Again address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report and address Recommendation 3 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report in an Ad Hoc Report with a visit in Fall 2019.
- Again address Recommendation 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report and address Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report in an Addendum to the Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation Report.

**Commendations:** Spring 2018 Year Seven Evaluation

The Commission commends Peninsula College in particular for the following:

1. The aesthetically pleasing buildings and grounds that reflect the beauty of the surrounding area and the pride of the College leadership, faculty, and staff which creates an environment conducive to student learning.
2. The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which details procedures to handle multiple emergency types, includes regular drills on campus each term, as well as evaluation of events and regular trainings.
3. Its focus on student success as demonstrated by comprehensive on-boarding and support services, including mandatory orientation and advising, WorkFirst and BFET, and Finish Line awards.
4. Its culture of collaboration exemplified by cross departmental membership in the Campus Master Plan committee, Strategic Enrollment Management committee, campus-wide participation in the Unit Planning process, and building of the first longhouse in the nation on a community college campus.

**Future Evaluations**

- Mission and Core Themes Report in Fall 2019.
- Ad Hoc Report with a visit in Fall 2019 to again address Recommendation 2 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report and to address Recommendation 3 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.

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- Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation and visit in Spring 2021 to include an Addendum to again address Recommendation 3 of the Spring 2013 Year Three Peer-Evaluation Report and to address Recommendations 1, 2, and 4 of the Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Report.
- Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Self-Evaluation and visit in Spring 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 NWCCU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonny Ramaswamy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sonny Ramaswamy  
President

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cc: Mr. Mike Glenn, Chair, Peninsula College Board of Trustees  
Dr. Ross Tomlin, Spring 2018 Year Seven Peer-Evaluation Committee Chair