



August 5, 2026

Dr. Stephanie Bulger
President
Lane Community College
4000 East 30th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97405

Dear President Bulger:

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 July 7-10, 2026, concerning the Spring 2026 Special Report of Lane Community College.

Accreditation

Accept the Report, Issue a Sanction of Warning

Recommendations Substantially in Compliance but in Need of Improvement

The Commission recommends that Lane Community College:

- Recommendation 2: Spring 2026 Special Report - In dealing with its stakeholders, the institution adheres to clearly defined policies that prohibit conflicts of interest on the part of members of the governing board. (2020 Standard(s) 2.D.3)

Recommendations Out of Compliance

The Commission finds that the following Recommendations are areas where Lane Community 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, the Commission requires that Lane Community College take appropriate action to ensure these Recommendations are addressed and resolved within the prescribed four-year period, no later than August 5, 2030.

The Commission recommends that Lane Community College:

- Recommendation 1: Spring 2026 Special Report - Hasten its efforts and show evidence to ensure that it conducts its governance activities effectively, and in an environment respectful of meaningful discourse, maintaining clearly defined authority, roles, and responsibilities and that it exemplifies high ethical standards, including the fair and equitable treatment of students, faculty, administrators, staff, and other stakeholders and constituencies. (2020 Standard(s) 2.A.1; 2.D.2)

Warning

Because of the governance concerns at the institution, the Commission has issued the Sanction of Warning, as stated in NWCCU's Accreditation Actions Policy:

NWCCU may issue a Warning to an institution that its accreditation may be in jeopardy when it does not appear to be in compliance with Standards for Accreditation, Eligibility Requirements, Policies, or applicable federal regulations but the institution: appears to demonstrate capacity to make improvements and return to compliance under the written timeline set by the Commission pursuant to 34 CFR § 602.20(a)(2); and appears to demonstrate capacity to sustain itself in the long term.

In compliance with NWCCU's Public Disclosures by Institutions Policy and per Federal Regulation 34 CFR 602.26(b), the institution must notify current and prospective students and display an indicator of the sanction and non-compliance on its website within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this letter.

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Visit Fall 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2026 Special Report
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2026 Special Report
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2027
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2028
 - Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Fall 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness

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.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: Dr. Shelley Tinkham, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Jesse Maldonado, Board Chair, Lane Community College
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Mr. Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission