



February 18, 2022

Kevin Satterlee  
President  
Idaho State University  
921 South 8th  
Pocatello, ID 83209

Dear President Satterlee:

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 January 18-20, 2022, concerning the Fall 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness of Idaho State University. 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

### **Commendations**

The Commission commends Idaho State University for:

- The work of the current administration to effectively and transparently communicate information to all campus constituents.
- Fostering an inviting, inclusive, and student-centric culture in which members of the campus community feel valued, seen, and heard.

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

The Commission recommends that Idaho State University:

- Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Consistently disaggregate all indicators for student achievement by every category. (2020 Standard(s) 1.D.2)
- Recommendation 2: Fall 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Transition to a more aspirational strategic plan, that articulates one clear set of meaningful goals, objectives, and indicators to define mission fulfillment. (2020 Standard(s) 1.B.2)

### **Future Evaluations**

- Mid-Cycle Review Fall 2024
  - Recommendation 1: Fall 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
  - Recommendation 2: Fall 2021 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Fall 2027
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Fall 2028

Per [USDE guidance](#), all virtual accreditation site visits shall be followed by in-person campus visits within a reasonable time when public health conditions improve and are authorized by applicable law. Campus visits may be limited to focus on items identified in the Peer-Evaluation Report and may include fewer

than all evaluation team members.

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. Ron Larsen, at [rlarsen@nwccu.org](mailto:rlarsen@nwccu.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sonny Ramaswamy".

Sonny Ramaswamy  
President

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