

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

Bellingham Technical College
Bellingham, Washington

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GENERAL COMMENDATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Commendations

1. The College is commended on its comprehensive and inclusive planning process that has resulted in a more sharply focused institutional mission providing direction to all areas of the College. (Standard 1 – Mission and Goals)
2. The President, administration and Board of Trustees are commended for their focus on building the stature and profile of the College as a leader in technical professional college education. (Standard 6 – Governance and Administration)
3. The President is commended for his efforts to directly address and improve the communication on campus and the responsiveness of the college to the needs of the programs. (Standard 6 – Governance and Administrative)
4. The College is commended for doing an excellent job in supporting instruction by creating and blending the two new buildings into the existing campus and maintaining all of the buildings and the external environment of the campus. (Standard 8 – Physical Resources)

Recommendations

1. The committee recommends that the College completes the clock hour to credit hour conversion so that the award of credit is based on clearly understood criteria, clear distinctions between credit/non-credit and degree/non-degree and so that the college is able to equate its learning experiences using practices common to institutions of higher education. (Standard 3C and Standard 2A6)
2. The committee recommends that the College evaluate all categories of faculty in accordance with Policy 4.1, including use of multiple indices. (Policy 4.1)