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<p>On July 25, 2022, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) issued a formal notification of action taken in regards to South Seattle College’s Spring 2022 Mid-Cycle Review.</p> <p>This notification marked the successful completion and outcomes of the Mid-Cycle Evaluation process which involved the preparation of the Mid-Cycle Report and culminated in the evaluation team site visit April 25-26, 2022.</p>		

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<p><b>Recommendations from the Spring 2019 Mission Fulfillment and Sustainability Evaluation:</b></p> <p><b><u>Recommendation 1 from 2019:</u></b> [As a continuation of 2013 Recommendation 2]. The Commission recommends that South Seattle College continues to refine indicators of achievement (e.g., KPI's) to ensure they are aligned, relevant, and meaningful and that they map closely to the institution's mission, goals, and objectives (Standard 1.A.2., Standard 1.B.2).</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation 2 from 2019:</u></b> The Commission recommends that South Seattle College identifies and publishes expected course, program, and degree learning outcomes for all degrees and programs (Standard 2.C.2).</p>	<p><b><u>Recommendation 1 from 2019:</u></b> Beginning in the 2019-20 academic year, the Office of Institutional Effectiveness took steps to align our operation planning and Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) closely with the Seattle College's mission, goals, and objectives.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation 2 from 2019:</u></b> Beginning in the 2019-20 academic year, under the direction and in collaboration with the Assessment Coordinator and Director of Communications, the Vice President of Instruction, academic and professional deans and directors will conduct an audit to ensure that all degree and certificate programs have identified course, program and degree learning outcomes and that these outcomes are published in the catalog, on the website and in course syllabi.</p>	<p><b><u>Recommendation 1 from 2019:</u></b> South was notified via NWCCU's formal notification of action letter dated on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that this recommendation had been fulfilled.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation 2 from 2019:</u></b> South was notified via NWCCU's formal notification of action letter dated on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that this recommendation had been fulfilled.</p>

<p><b><u>Recommendation 3 from 2019 / now Recommendation 1 from Fall 2020 Ad Hoc Report:</u></b>  The Commission recommends that South Seattle College regularly reviews and documents assessment, of course, program, and degree student learning outcomes (including general education learning outcomes), and ensures that the results of assessments are used to inform planning and practices that enhance and improve student learning (Standard 4.A.3, 4.B.2)</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation 4 from 2019:</u></b>  [As a continuation of 2013 Recommendation 3] The Commission recommends that South Seattle College expeditiously develop and implement a plan for systematic review of all policies (Standard 2.A.6. and Standard 2.A.18).</p>	<p><b><u>Recommendation 3 from 2019 / now Recommendation 1 from Fall 2020 Ad Hoc Report:</u></b>  In recognition of the need for improved assessment practices, in June, 2019, the college approved a new state-funded position for a faculty assessment coordinator to lead the college in aligning program, degree and general educational learning outcomes.  In addition to creating and filling the assessment coordinator position, an Assessment Committee was appointed in September, 2019 composed of faculty and staff representing programs across the college.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation 4 from 2019:</u></b>  Although the peer evaluation committee recognized the progress that had been made to review Human Resources policies and procedures since the 2013 NWCCU visit, the recommendation indicated the need for the institution and the Seattle College District to ensure that policy review and updating was a consistent practice. Consequently, effective Fall 2019, Policy Review is now a standing item on President’s Cabinet agendas, including a pathway for moving policies/procedures needing review/updating to the Chancellor’s cabinet level for further action.</p>	<p><b><u>Recommendation 3 from 2019 / now Recommendation 1 from Fall 2020 Ad Hoc Report:</u></b>  South was notified via NWCCU’s formal notification of action letter dated on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that this recommendation needed continued improvement. The recommendation will be addressed through a special report due Spring 2024.</p> <p><b><u>Recommendation 4 from 2019:</u></b>  South was notified via NWCCU’s formal notification of action letter dated on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that this recommendation had been fulfilled.</p>
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