



February 25, 2026

Dr. Sandra Bauman
Dean/CEO
Helena College University of Montana
1115 North Roberts Street
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Dr. Bauman:

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 27-30, 2026, concerning the Fall 2025 Ad Hoc Report of Helena College University of Montana.

Accreditation

Accept the Report

Status of Previous Recommendations Addressed in this Evaluation

- Recommendation 5: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness - Fulfilled

Future Evaluations

- Ad Hoc Report with Virtual Visit Spring 2026
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 2: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
 - Recommendation 3: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Mid-Cycle Review Spring 2027
 - Recommendation 4: Spring 2024 Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness
- Year 6 - Standard 2 - Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2030
- Year 7 - Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2031

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. Chris Bragg, at cbragg@nwccu.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Selena M. Grace
President

cc: Mrs. Jessie Pate, Director of Institutional Research & Effectiveness
Mr. Todd Buchanan, Board Chair
Mr. Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System