

EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMMENDATIONS

1. The College is commended for its clear commitment to and support of academic freedom.
2. The College and the students are commended for cultivating an environment where students actively participate in governance and advocacy. This environment enhances student learning and development.
3. The College is commended for a high level of student satisfaction with the quality of education and the College's focus on student success.
4. The College is commended for developing innovative programs in response to community needs.
5. The College is commended for implementing programs and services that demonstrate its commitment to diversity.

EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The evaluation committee recommends that Everett Community College implement a systematic program of academic advisement. Structures need to be established that encourage meaningful participation of faculty and staff in a collaborative effort to strengthen advising support to students. A system that facilitates two-way communication between faculty and staff and an improved alignment of advising loads is recommended. The Committee further recommends that specific advising responsibilities are defined, published, and made available to students (Standards 2.C.5, 3.D.10, 4.A.2).
2. The evaluation committee recommends that administration and faculty define and understand their respective roles in governance and that they demonstrate participation in institutional planning and the formation of policy. (Standards 1.B.3, 4.A.2, 6.A.2, 6.A.3, and Eligibility Requirements 7).
3. The evaluation committee recommends that the governing board regularly evaluates its performance and revises, as necessary, its policies to demonstrate to its constituencies that it carries out its responsibilities in an effective and efficient manner (Standard 6.B.6).
4. While much progress has been made in assessment, Everett Community College has not provided sufficient evidence that its assessment activities lead to the improvement of teaching and learning. The evaluation committee recommends that Everett Community College provide evidence of program effectiveness by using the results of its instructional assessment process in a comprehensive manner. The committee recommends that Everett Community College fully implement a complete, comprehensive, and systematic educational outcomes assessment program, with a focus on utilizing assessment results as a basis for making educational program improvements. This is a long-standing issue as noted in the Interim Reports in 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, and 2008 (Standard 2.B.3 and Policy 2.2).
5. The evaluation committee recommends that Everett Community College demonstrates that its financial planning includes a minimum of a three-year projection of major categories of income and specific plans for major categories of expenditures (Standard 7.A.2).
6. The evaluation committee recommends that Everett Community College publishes its annual budget and distributes it to appropriate constituencies (Standard 7.A.3).
7. The evaluation committee recommends that Everett Community College develops a governing board policy guiding the use and limit of debt (Standard 7.A.4).
8. The evaluation committee recommends that Everett Community College develops a governing board policy regarding cash management and investments (Standard 7.C.4).