Year One Peer Evaluation Report

Green River Community College Auburn, Washington

Spring 2011

A confidential report of findings prepared for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Green River Community College (GRCC) is in the Spring 2011 reporting group which did not receive directions to address Eligibility Requirements 2 and 3 in the Year One Report. However, the College did provide information as indicated below.

- 2. —Green River Community College began as an offshoot of the Auburn School District with the Washington State Legislature approving startup of a community college in 1959. In 1963, the State Board of Education approved establishment of Green River Community College. The College currently operates as a comprehensive community college under the governance of the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. It is further governed by a five-member board of trustees who are appointed by the governor. The Carver Policy Governance Model was adopted by the Board in 2004 which allows the Board to focus on larger issues by setting policy and delegating to the College President how those policies are carried out.
- 3. —The mission statement and core themes adopted by Green River Community College are clearly defined, have been adopted by the Board of Trustees, and are consistent with legal authorization. They are appropriate for a community college that grants certificates and degrees. The mission statement supports the educational interest of its students and the principal programs lead to recognized degrees.

The Evaluation Panel is satisfied that Green River Community College meets Eligibility Requirements 2 and 3.