

November 14, 2024

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Dear President Kennedy:

I am pleased to inform you that at its meeting on September 26, 2024, the New England Commission of Higher Education considered the interim (fifth-year) report submitted by Berkshire Community College and voted to take the following action:

that the interim (fifth-year) report submitted by Berkshire Community College be accepted;

that the comprehensive evaluation scheduled for Fall 2029 be confirmed;

that, in addition to the information included in all self-studies, the self-study prepared in advance of the Fall 2029 comprehensive evaluation give emphasis to the institution's success in:

1. implementing the redesign and assessment of its general education core competencies and new Liberal Arts courses;
2. monitoring the effectiveness of initiatives implemented to reduce barriers to student success created by developmental education and the cost of textbooks;
3. assessing the effectiveness of its new shared governance model;
4. achieving its enrollment and financial projections.

The Commission gives the following reasons for its action.

The interim (fifth-year) report submitted by Berkshire Community College was accepted because it responded to the concerns raised by the Commission in its letters of June 27, 2022 and March 20, 2020 and addressed each of the nine standards, including a ref

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The Commission commends Berkshire Community College (BCC) for its thoughtful and

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The general education program is coherent and substantive. It reflects the institution's

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