

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made between Green River College (OPE ID #00378000), located in Auburn, Washington (GRC) and the United States Department of Education (Department), Federal Student Aid (FSA), acting through its Director, Administrative Actions and Appeals Service Group, and is effective when the last party executes this Agreement.

- A. On September 26, 2018, the Department sent GRC a letter stating that the Department intended to fine the institution \$574,500 (hereafter “the proposed fine action”) based on FSA’s findings in a Final Program Review Determination (FPRD) that GRC had failed to comply with the requirements of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (the Clery Act) in §485(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), the fire safety requirements in § 485(i) of the HEA, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (DFSCA) and the Department’s regulations.
- B. On October 15, 2018, GRC submitted a letter to appeal the proposed fine action and requested a hearing. The appeal was assigned to the Department’s Office of Hearings and Appeals and docketed as In the Matter of Green River College, Docket No. 18-59-SF.
- C. GRC and the Department have now agreed to resolve the proposed fine action without any further administrative procedures.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement, and intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

1. GRC agrees to pay a fine of \$250,000 to the Department to resolve the proposed fine action. The payment and any correspondence regarding the payment must include the Department’s billing number, AAA201901025. GRC will pay the fine by electronic funds transfer to the Department within ten business days of receiving a fully-executed copy of this Agreement and receiving account information required for the funds transfer from the Department.
2. GRC withdraws its appeal of the proposed fine action. The Department and GRC agree that the administrative fine action is fully resolved.
3. Upon full execution of this Agreement, the parties will file a joint motion to dismiss the pending action.
4. The Department agrees not to initiate further administrative action against GRC based on the FPRD dated May 22, 2018.
5. GRC affirms that it will continue to take steps to comply with the requirements in the Clery Act, the HEA and the DFSCA and the Department’s implementing regulations.
6. Nothing in this Agreement constitutes an admission of liability or wrongdoing by GRC.

7. This Agreement does not waive, compromise, restrict, or settle:

- a. Any past, present, or future violation of the criminal or civil fraud laws of the United States.
- b. Any presently pending or future action taken by the United States under the criminal laws or civil fraud laws of the United States.

The Department is not aware of any such actions pending against GRC based on the issues addressed in the FPRD.

8. This Agreement does not address or resolve any complaints filed with or any investigations undertaken by the Department's Office of Civil Rights under any applicable law or regulation.

GRC and the Department each warrant that the undersigned representative is authorized to sign this Agreement on its behalf.

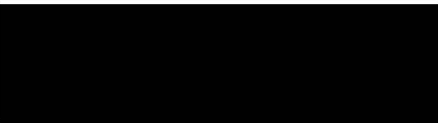
FOR GREEN RIVER COLLEGE



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Dated: 11/30/18

FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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Dated: 12/6/18