

As part of its ongoing process of self-reflection, and in accordance with U. S. Department of Education regulations and NWCCU Bylaws, NWCCU began its cycle of review for its Eligibility Requirements, Policies, and the Standards of Accreditation on September 1st.

President Ramaswamy and NWCCU Staff have traveled to Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington to gather feedback in Town Hall conversations in addition to holding two Online Town Halls to solicit feedback from members and the public.

The process of revision includes the opportunity for feedback from key constituents, including institutional leadership, faculty, staff, and students, as well as the public. This self-reflective exercise provides all constituents the opportunity to assess the processes around NWCCU's accreditation activities (including the cycle of evaluation and the methods of evaluation). Conversations have focused around the themes of: Student Achievement and Success, Governance, Efficiency and Effectiveness, Risk-Based Accreditation and Alternative Pathways, and Transparency.

The feedback from constituents was used by the Commission to craft revised Standards, Policies, and Eligibility Requirements in January and a period of review and public comment is underway through March 31, 2019. A second review period and call for comment will be made available in July before adoption of the revised Standards, Policies, and Eligibility Requirements in January 2020.

To view the draft 2020 Revised Standards of Accreditation and Eligibility Requirements, review a whitepaper discussing findings to date and frequently asked questions, and to participate in public comment on the current version, please visit the Standards Revision webpage at <http://www.nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-review/>.

Activity	Date(s)
Public Call for Comment Period (Via Confidential Survey)	September 1, 2018 through December 1, 2018
Alaska Town Hall – University of Alaska-Fairbanks	September 24, 2018
Montana Town Hall – University of Montana-Missoula	September 25, 2018
Idaho Town Hall – Boise State University	September 28, 2018
Nevada Town Hall – UNLV	November 5, 2018
Oregon Town Hall – Portland State	November 6, 2018
Utah Town Hall – Brigham Young University	November 7, 2018
Annual Meeting and Listening Session - Seattle, Washington	November 14, 2018
Online Town Halls	December 2018
Discussion and Action by the Bylaws, Standards, and Policies Committee	December 2018

Discussion and Action by the Board of Commissioners	January 2019
Issuance of First Draft	February 2019
Call for Comment Period on First Draft of Revised Standards (Via Confidential Survey)	February through March 2019
Revisions by the Bylaws, Standards, and Policies Committee	April 2019
Final Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners	June 2019
Call for Comment Period on Second Draft of Revised Standards (Via Confidential Survey)	July 2019
Electronic Vote to Adopt Standards of the Board of Commissioners	August 2019
Vote of the NWCCU Membership	August 2019
Training and Orientation on Revised Standards	September through October 2019
Implementation of Revised Standards, Policies and Processes	January 2020