

WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE
STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT
ACADEMIC YEAR – 2022-23

Standing or Other Committee Name: **Accreditation Committee**

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Does the committee webpage contain updated versions of the following?

Mission Statement	Yes
Bylaws	Yes
Members / Officers	Yes
Meeting Calendar	Yes
Minutes / Agendas	Yes

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STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEE PROPOSED INITIATIVES

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Name of Standing or Other Committee or Responsible Party: **Accreditation Committee**

Name of Initiative / Activity	Support progress toward Mid-Cycle recommendations (see last page of Mid-Cycle report for full overview).
Strategic Plan Objective this Initiative Supports: List Core Theme(s) objectives, and indicators	Maintaining regional accreditation supports all strategic plan areas and is required for all institutional operations.
Description of Initiative / Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mission fulfillment definition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mid-Cycle Recommendation: Establish a clearly stated definition of mission fulfillment and identify and make available targets or goals for institutional key performance indicators. - IRE will meet with President and VPASA to finalize mission fulfillment definition. Leadership will present new mission fulfillment definition options to college community in fall 2022. - Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mid-Cycle Recommendation: Describe links between institutional planning and resource allocation. - Continued documentation of ROI calculations and how they are shared with the wider WNC community; consider other recommendations for documentation and transparency from Budget Committee and WNC community moving forward. - Program Learning Outcome assessment and course mapping: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation: Continue the progress on program outcomes assessment and the course mapping approach. - Expand training offerings and continue to support program review process for programs completing reviews this year (AAS Graphic Design, AAS Deaf Studies, AGS). - Support for institutional data use:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recommendation: Provide enhanced support for faculty and staff in the use of institutional data to improve teaching and services. - Develop on-demand training videos for different data dashboards; develop strategic plan dashboard.
Start Date	Fall 2022	Projected Completion Date
Key Performance Indicators that may be impacted as a result of completion / implementation	<p>Maintaining regional accreditation supports all strategic plan areas and is required for all institutional operations.</p> <p>Work on this report may help improve overall mission fulfillment assessment and planning/assessment reporting.</p>	

Name of Initiative / Activity	Support Higher Education in Prison program with any NWCCU accreditation needs that may arise related to US Dept. of Education Second Chance Pell Grant updates.	
Strategic Plan Objective this Initiative Supports: List Core Theme(s) objectives, and indicators	Supporting the Higher Education in Prison program supports the WNC strategic plan objective areas of Access, Success, Close the Achievement Gap, and Workforce. Maintaining regional accreditation for all academic programs broadly supports our institutional strategic plan as a whole.	
Description of Initiative / Activity	Because this is a developing situation, it is not yet known what accreditation-related requirements may change. It is possible that a site visit or related reporting may need to happen during the 2022-23 academic year. The Accreditation Committee should stay in communication with NWCCU and the Higher Education in Prison program as developments arise.	
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Committee Final Report: Due May 2023

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FINAL REPORT for above goals:

- Specific updates and proposed next steps related to informal Mid-Cycle Evaluation recommendations include:

- Mission fulfillment definition: IRE has continued to work with the President's Office and Core Theme areas, such as Lifelong Learning, to better define mission fulfillment and KPIs used to measure mission fulfillment. Executive team will need to approve final mission fulfillment definition and plans to present updated definition to WNC at a fall 2023 College Council meeting.
- Budget: Changes related to increased transparency and documentation have been made.
- Program Learning Outcome assessment and course mapping: Assessment Lead Faculty have created an assessment month to be held at least once an academic year, with workshops related to course mapping and SLO assessment. Additional professional development, especially with an aim to be more inclusive of all academic divisions, is in discussion.
- Support for institutional data use: IRE has improved access to data and data dashboards, and have led workshops and training to improve the understanding and application of available data.
- Specific updates and proposed next steps related to supporting the Higher Education in Prison program include:
 - WNC has completed the NDOC application to facilitate Pell Grant eligibility.
 - Recommend continuing to reach out to NWCCU regarding additional requirements for future site visits, reports, and/or documentation.
- Additionally, the Accreditation Committee began work gathering resources and beginning conversations regarding completion of the upcoming Year Six, Standard Two, Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review (PRFR) report (due spring 2024). Goals for the 2023-24 Committee should focus on completing this report and preparing for the spring 2025 Year 7 Self-Evaluation report and site visit.