



April 11, 2024

Kirk Schulz
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Dear President Schulz:

We are writing to inform you of forthcoming changes to the Peer Evaluation Visit and Reporting calendar that will impact Washington State University.

In tracking NWCCU peer evaluation visits over the last few years, we have discovered an imbalance in visits between the Fall and Spring cycles, which has created challenges to the constitution and deployment of peer evaluation teams, NWCCU staff liaising with institutions, and institutional appearances during the January and June Commission Meetings. The proposed revision to the schedule of evaluation visits and reporting is intended to address the same.

In creating the revised schedule, NWCCU staff assessed the readiness of institutions to undergo the evaluation visit sooner or later compared with their current review cycle. Institutions with a proposed change in Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness (EIE) visit dates will also see revised Mid-Cycle and Policies, Regulations, and Finances Review (PRFR) reports/visits to ensure existing intervals within the standard seven-year evaluation cycle. We also have attempted to provide sufficient notice for institutional preparation needed to accommodate the revised schedule. The dates in this letter for your visit cycle supersede any previously communicated dates.

The dates of the revised evaluation schedule for your institution will be as follows:

- Year 6 – Standard 2 – Policies, Regulations, and Financial Review Spring 2026
- Year 7 – Evaluation of Institutional Effectiveness Spring 2027
 - Recommendation 1: Spring 2021 Mid-Cycle Review

Please contact your NWCCU Staff Liaison, Selena M. Grace, if you have questions or concerns about this revised schedule.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

cc: Dr. Craig Parks, Associate Vice President Health Sciences
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