



Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Resolution to Suspend Virtual Evaluation Site Visits

WHEREAS in response to the continued spread of COVID-19, the United States Department of Education (USDE) issued guidance to accrediting agencies which authorized temporary flexibilities necessitated by challenges presented to the postsecondary education community; and

WHEREAS in response to the USDE guidance, and to protect the health and well-being of NWCCU's volunteer evaluators, Commissioners, and staff, NWCCU passed a March 23, 2020 Resolution which authorized virtual evaluation site visits by video conference or telephone, if video conference call is unavailable;

WHEREAS the Spring 2020 virtual evaluation site visits are completed;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Executive Committee of NWCCU, acting on behalf and for the Commission, adopts this Resolution to and hereby does suspend virtual evaluation site visits by video conference or telephone, if video conference call is unavailable.

The March 23, 2020 Resolution to conduct virtual evaluation site visits by video conference or telephone may be reinstated, by further Resolution, if a COVID-19 health and well-being risk to volunteer evaluators and staff is present when future evaluation site visits are scheduled.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2020

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Chair, NWCCU