

2009 REGIONAL ACCREDITATION PROJECT CHARTER



Project Title	Accreditation Self Study and Visit
Project Start Date	July 1, 2006
Projected Finish Date	April 30, 2009
Project Manager	Jane Sherman, Larry James, and Laurel le Noble
WSU Business Need	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that our accredited status continues unabated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prepare a Regional Accreditation self-study, meet all eligibility requirements and to have addressed all recommendations from the 2005 evaluation for all our programs and related degrees. b. Host the visit of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) evaluation team. Team makes recommendations to the Commission, which votes to reaffirm accreditation, request a Progress Report, issue a warning, or place on probation, etc. 2. Evaluate the status of progress toward the goals of the WSU Strategic Plan and recommend future direct
Project Objectives	<p>The objective is to organize, review and evaluate Washington State University, testing ourselves against the set of standards developed by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities as described below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Institutional Mission and Goals, Planning and Effectiveness 2. Educational Program and its Effectiveness 3. Students 4. Faculty 5. Library and Information Resources 6. Governance and Administration 7. Finance 8. Physical Resources 9. Institutional Integrity <p>WSU will use this university-wide opportunity for self-reflection to examine in depth the successes and challenges of our own Strategic Plan and to recommend revisions or next steps.</p>

Product Features

1. Ten year report of the Accreditation Self-Study, published to print and website;
2. Site visit plan and implement visit.
3. Update The Strategic Plan or recommend changes for new plan.

Project Teams

The project managers are responsible for the overall project management, as well as output, communication and planning materials and tracking of budget.

Committees:

1. Steering Committee:
 - a. Initiates process, formally authorizing beginning of Accreditation 2009 project;
 - b. Oversees project management plan.
 - c. Gather initial information, identify, define and detail project's scope and cost as well as create project schedule.
 - d. Coordinate people and resources, integrate and perform project activities, address project scope and implement approved changes.
 - e. Oversee and finalize self-study documents and evaluation visit.
2. Sub-Committees:
 - a. Responsible for gathering information, analyzing and addressing Commission Standards;
 - b. and/or provide and evaluate material on individual departments, programs, and colleges.
 - c. Write drafts or report chapters.

Authorized Budget

Sponsor Sign-off

**Larry James, Associate Executive Vice President
& Steering Committee Chair**