

Instructions on the Use and Submission of the EE Framework/Fall 2009

Starting Fall 2008, all EER teams are being asked to submit to the WASC staff their assessment of where the institution under evaluation fits within the EE Framework.

- The EE Framework defines essential institutional characteristics (in the left-hand vertical column) and describes levels of effectiveness from left to right in terms of increasing 1) frequency, 2) pervasiveness, and 3) consequentiality.
- The team is advised to use the Framework to orient and guide its analysis and discussion, beginning with the opening team meeting and continuing throughout the visit. The Framework may be used to facilitate the team's evaluation of the institution's effectiveness, to provide descriptive language for the team report, and to help the team arrive at its confidential recommendation to the Commission.
- In its final decision-making meeting, the team should note on a copy of the EE Framework where the institution falls in each category/line of the framework by placing an X in the cell that most accurately describes the current state of the institution. The X may be placed inside a cell or on the line between two cells if that placement reflects more accurately the institution's educational effectiveness for that element.
- The Chair is responsible for sending this annotated document and the Confidential Team Recommendation to the WASC Visit Process Manager as soon as possible after the visit.
- This document is considered to be part of the Confidential Team Recommendation. Therefore, teams should not share the actual "completed" Framework with the institution. However, teams are encouraged to use the Framework as a tool in discussions with the institution during the visit, e.g., by asking various groups where they believe the institution or a program within it falls on the Framework.

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