

Feb. 2, 2026 Rules Administrative Report

1. NWCCU Mid-Cycle Review: Overview and Timing

The Provost's Office is preparing to submit EWU's NWCCU Mid-Cycle Self-Evaluation and greatly appreciates all of the feedback that was provided by faculty and staff. We are preparing for the peer site visit on April 27 and 28. The Mid-Cycle Review focuses on mission fulfillment, student achievement, and programmatic assessment since the 2022 evaluation. Faculty, staff, and administrators may be asked how EWU defines mission fulfillment and how evidence is used for improvement. Our Mission Fulfillment is defined as measurable progress on our Strategic Plan. Additional visit details will be shared as the schedule is finalized.

2. Optimize and Centralize Scheduling: In alignment with the Strategic Plan strategy to review and optimize scheduling practices to better accommodate student needs and preferences, and with Provost Smith's goal to centralize course scheduling, Academic Affairs is examining more centralized, data-informed approaches to building the class schedule. As part of this exploratory phase, staff from Records and Registration and Associate Deans will be invited to participate in vendor demonstrations over the next couple of months. These demonstrations are intended to support informed administrative decision-making by assessing the capabilities of available scheduling tools, while also providing transparency into the process and creating opportunities for consultation. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

3. Institutional Research (IR) needs *at least two weeks* prior notice to provide data. If you have programs that are going through programmatic accreditation in the next few months or if faculty need data for grants they are writing, please plan to give IR as much time as possible to get the data and validate it, and at least two weeks.

4. Navigate Staff Messaging Guidelines: The Degree Completion Team shared new [Navigate Staff Messaging Guidelines](#) for faculty and staff. These guidelines are designed to support clear, consistent communication with students and to help streamline outreach efforts already taking place across campus. We also encourage [documenting student interactions in Navigate Staff](#) through brief appointment reports or notes, as this shared record reduces duplication, improves coordination and communication, and helps ensure students don't have to repeat their stories while receiving timely, informed support.

5. The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) will be sent to first-year students and graduating seniors from February 10 to March 21. This survey will help us understand how our students are interacting with our programs and where we can improve the EWU experience. Please encourage students to participate if they are selected to complete the survey.