



**Northwest Commission on College and University (NWCCU)  
Annual Update for WSQA  
Academic Year 2009-2010**

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Note: In October 2009 a standard 5-year interim visit was conducted by NWCCU on CPTC's campus. Upon recommendation of the accreditation team, NWCCU found that satisfactory progress had been made on two of the three recommendations issued in 2004. On the third recommendation (related to shared governance), the commission determined that CPTC substantially meets the commission's criteria for accreditation but needs improvement.

Following the 2009 interim visit, the following recommendation was made to identify the need for continued work on shared governance:

The evaluation committee recommends that the President and his staff find a mechanism whereby to engage faculty, administration and staff in open dialogue about the meaning of shared governance (as opposed to collective bargaining processes) at CPTC and its potential value to the College and its students, particularly in the current financial climate, and use this dialogue as a means to codify resulting shared governance processes in College policy and procedures documents (Standard 6.A.1, 6.A.2, 6.A.3, 6.C.6, 6.D, and 6.E).

This document addresses the 2009 recommendation of the commission and the actions taken by the college to address the recommendation.

Accreditation recommendations to the College and year of recommendation	Actions taken by the college to address recommendations	Improvement results
<p>Year of Recommendation: 2009 (October)</p> <p>1. The Commission recommended that the President and his staff find a mechanism whereby to engage faculty, administration and staff in open dialogue about the meaning of shared governance (as opposed to collective bargaining processes) at CPTC and its potential value to the College and its students, particularly in the current financial climate, and use this dialogue as a means to codify resulting shared governance processes in College policy and procedures documents (Standard 6.A.1, 6.A.2, 6.A.3, 6.C.6, 6.D, and 6.E).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In February 2010, the college held a Shared Governance Open Forum to talk about the Commission’s recommendation, gather initial input from the college community, and identify next steps for moving toward a more inclusive shared governance structure. Input gathered from the meeting was compiled for open review and consideration by the taskforce.</li> <li>• In March 2010, a task force of 14 elected individuals was established to work at the request of the President to develop and propose a shared governance structure for our institution. Individuals on the committee represent the areas of Classified staff, IUOE, faculty, exempt staff, and students.</li> <li>• The task force has met every two weeks since mid-April 2010 to define what shared governance means for CPTC and to develop a structure that will work for our college. The work is not yet complete, but significant progress has been made.</li> </ul>	<p>A collaborative process has been implemented to involve representative individuals in open discussion about the meaning of shared governance at CPTC. The initial draft from this collaborative effort is expected to be completed mid-fall 2010, then shared with the rest of the college community for input.</p> <p>Though the shared governance guidelines are not yet in place, the President and other college leaders are demonstrating their commitment to open dialog and shared governance through many of their actions. This is particularly evident through the process Dr. Walstrum established to respond to the significant 2010-2011 budget cuts.</p> <p>In August 2010, President Walstrum established a budget task force to work with him to identify potential cuts to reduce the operating budget by 1.3 million. The budget task force was comprised of 23 diverse individuals who represented various areas within the college. The task force worked diligently between summer and fall quarters to research the proposed ideas and provide a list of substantial cuts to be considered. Dr. Walstrum utilized this information as the basis for the budget reduction plan he sent to the Governor on September 26.</p>

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