COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION

RECOGNITION DECISION SUMMARY

NORTHWEST COMMISSION ON COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (NWCCU)

In accordance with the *2010 CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, *Paragraph 43*, this summary of recognition status describes the formal action taken by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) Board of Directors with regard to an accrediting organization seeking recognition by CHEA.

Profile of Accrediting Organization

Type of Accreditor: Institutional

Number of Institutions: 164

CHEA-Recognized Scope of Accreditation

The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy status") of postsecondary degree-granting educational institutions in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and internationally, and the accreditation of programs offered via distance education within these institutions. (2018)

CHEA Recognition Information

History: Recognized by CHEA in May 2001; voluntary withdrawal in December 2010

Most Recent Recognition Action

Date: CHEA Board of Directors Meeting, January 28, 2019

Decision: Recognition for up to ten years.

The CHEA Committee on Recognition and the Board of Directors reviewed the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The review was based on the six CHEA recognition standards that require an accrediting organization to show that its accreditation process advances academic quality, demonstrates accountability, encourages self-scrutiny and planning, employs fair and appropriate procedures and demonstrates ongoing review of practice, and that it possesses sufficient resources to carry out its accreditation processes (2019 *CHEA Recognition Policy and Procedures*, Paragraphs 12A-12F, pp. 5-8).

NWCCU demonstrated that it meets these standards and that its accreditation process is consistent with the quality improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

Prior Actions on NWCCU's Application for Recognition

CHEA Board of Directors Meeting April 30, 2019: The CHEA Board of Directors accepted the CHEA Committee on Recognition's recommendation to grant the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) eligibility to seek CHEA recognition.