

IFS Report to WOU Faculty Senate, April 9 2019

IFS responded to an urgent request from AAUP-Oregon and other groups to address NWCCU's new draft accreditation standards. The initial draft of the new standards included **no reference to academic freedom or the importance of shared governance.**

Here were the proposed standards as of March 2019:

<http://www.aapuregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Standards-for-Accreditation-2020-v6.pdf>

The Institutional Senate responding by sending the following letter:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cVCKDJwee-w5ePnSZf6z6dTruZPujxJ3Fj61dYEdKuE/edit?usp=sharing>

In response to the many comments from IFS, AAUP, and other, NWCCU extended the comment period on the draft until April 15, and agreed to include language about academic freedom and governance in their second draft, due out in May.

You can read more about the specifics of the communications here:

<http://uomatters.com/2019/03/uos-accreditor-considers-weakening-academic-freedom-and-governance-standards.html>

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