

Figure Two: ACADEMIC DECISION MAKING MATRIX

Vertical Approval Route	Approval of minor course description changes, (modifications to the catalog)	Approval of new courses in existing programs	Reviews the policies of library and academic support services which affect curriculum, academic credit, & instructional quality	Approval of new degree program	Approval of different delivery systems that do not require NWCCU approval	Approval of new majors	Periodic review of degree programs, delivery systems and majors	Approval and modification of undergraduate general education	Approval of new academic enhancement and support programs	Approval of graduates	Review and approval of academic policies that affect academic quality and credit	Approval of academic assessment plans	Approval of Faculty Growth Plans	Forum for university-wide concerns to faculty	Encourage, support, and celebrate faculty scholarship	Modifications to the Faculty Handbook	
Faculty Member	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A	X	X	X	
Departments (may start action)	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	A	A	A	A	A	X	X	X	X	
Schools (faculty and/or dean)	A	A	A	A	A	A	E	A ₂	A	I	A	A	E	X	X	X	
General Education Committee	A/I ¹	A/I ¹						A/I ¹				A/I ¹					
Acad. Assessment Committee												A				X	
Faculty Development Committee														X	A	X	
Personnel Committee													A ₃	X	I	X	
Faculty Council														X		X	
Graduate Policies & Procedures	A	I	A	M	M	I	I	I	I		A	I				I	
Undergrad Policies & Procedures	A	I	A	M	M	I	I	M	I		A	I				I	
Curriculum Review Committee	I	A	I	A	I	A	E	I	A		I	A				I	
Faculty Meeting	I	I	I	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	I		A	I	A
Office of the Provost	I	I	I	A	A	A	I	A	A	I	A	A	I	E	A	E	A
President's Admin. Cabinet	I	I	I	A	A	A	I	A	A	I	I	A	I		A		A

A – denotes action necessary to go forward
 A² – All undergraduate faculty
 I – denotes providing information/appeal* if general education implications
 Faculty Development Committee – led by faculty member
 Office of the Provost – Includes the provost, assoc. VPAA, and school deans. Provost's Council
 * -- Follow the *Faculty Handbook* regarding appeals procedure.
 M – Changes implemented by committee
 A,3 – Growth plan reviewed in 3rd & 6th year
 E – denotes evaluation (chair, dean, and/or provost's office administrator)
 X – denotes initiation and/or discussion
 A/I¹ – needs approval