

WSR 26-06-017

PROPOSED RULES

EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 26-02-004.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Chapter 172-06 WAC, Organization and operation.

Hearing Location(s): On April 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., at Eastern Washington University (University), 201 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004.

Date of Intended Adoption: May 15, 2026.

Submit Written Comments to: Annika Scharosch, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, email ascharosch@ewu.edu, website <https://inside.ewu.edu/policies>, beginning February 23, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., by 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2026.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Annika Scharosch, phone 509-359-6724, email ascharosch@ewu.edu, by April 10, 2026.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Updates information about the structure of the university. Clarifies the role of the rules coordinator. Updates information about how to obtain rule-making files and indexes of agency determinations in formal administrative hearings.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Updates regulations to reflect current structures and practices.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28B.35.120(12).

Statute Being Implemented: Chapter 34.05 RCW.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Eastern Washington University, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting and Implementation: Annika Scharosch, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, 509-359-6724; Enforcement: Dr. Shari McMahan, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, 509-359-6200.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. Not subject to RCW 34.05.328(5).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rules relate only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a nongovernment party; rules only correct typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect; and rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute; and rules adopt, amend, or repeal a procedure, practice, or requirement relating to agency hearings; or a filing or related process requirement for applying to an agency for a license or permit.

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).

Explanation of exemptions: These changes apply to internal university operations. They do not affect small businesses.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

February 20, 2026

Annika Scharosch
Chief of Staff and Compliance

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-24-032, filed 11/24/14, effective 12/25/14)

WAC 172-06-010 Organization. (1) Eastern Washington University is established in Title 28B RCW as a public institution of higher education. The university's ~~((central))~~ administrative office is located at 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004-2496. Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except state legal holidays. ~~((The university also has several satellite educational programs located throughout the state; however, the administration of satellite programs is carried out through the central office))~~ Information about the university's educational offerings is available on the website at www.ewu.edu.

(2) The institution is governed by a board of trustees, appointed by the governor. The board consists of eight members. The board employs a president, who acts as the chief executive officer of the institution. The president establishes the structure of the administration.

(3) The university is organized into divisions ~~((7))~~ and administered by vice presidents ~~((, including academic affairs, business and finance, student affairs, information technology, and university advancement))~~. All vice presidents are directly responsible for operations within their divisions. The vice presidents directly report to the president of the university.

(4) ~~((The public may obtain information, make submittals or requests, and obtain copies of university decisions by contacting the university president's staff located in the central office.))~~ Additional and detailed information concerning the university is available through the university's website at www.ewu.edu.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-24-032, filed 11/24/14, effective 12/25/14)

WAC 172-06-020 ~~((Operations and procedures.))~~ Rules and indexes.

(1) University rules/regulations are promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), chapter 34.05 RCW and approved by the board of trustees. The university rules coordinator is responsible for coordinating the rule making process. The university rules coordinator maintains records relating to the rule making process and is available to respond to public inquiries about possible, proposed, or existing rules. Current rules and information about the rule making process is available at <https://inside.ewu.edu/policies/>. Internal policies that are not subject to the APA rule making process are also available on this website. Historical amendments, revisions, and/or former provisions may be obtained through the university president's office.

~~(2) ((The university may promulgate internal policies that are not governed by the APA. Policies that are generally applicable to the university are approved by the board of trustees. Under special circumstances, interim policies may be adopted by the university president acting with authority delegated by the board of trustees. Units of the university may adopt policies that govern their area of responsibility. The university may consult with the academic senate and/or the associated students of Eastern Washington University when considering a change in policies or rules.~~

~~(3) Informal procedures regarding university operations typically include:~~

~~(a) Decisions made by persons authorized by board resolution, the president, vice president or any designee to make a decision within the scope of responsibility assigned to such person; or~~

~~(b) Methods of persuasion used by any person in an attempt to influence university decisions)) This section is adopted in compliance with RCW 34.05.220. In addition to maintaining rule making files, the rules coordinator shall also maintain an index of: Final orders that are issued in adjudicative proceedings that contain an analysis or decision of substantial importance to the university in carrying out its duties; declaratory orders issued pursuant to RCW 34.05.240 that contain an analysis or decision of substantial importance to the university in carrying out its duties; interpretive statements as defined in RCW 34.05.010; and, policy statements as defined in RCW 34.05.010.~~

REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 172-06-030 University rules library.