Project Phases

Standards Task Force (STF)

1 LISTENING AND DATA GATHERING FOR SENTIMENT ANALYSIS (APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2025)

- Monthly task force meetings
- 30-40 listening sessions at various events
- Individual input through survey instrument sent to over 17,000 individuals from member schools
- Standards working groups compile recommendations

2 KEY CHANGES IDENTIFICATION AND CONSENSUS (OCTOBER 2025)

- October 2025 STF meeting to review standards working group recommendations and reach consensus on key changes

3 ISSUE EXPOSURE DRAFT (JANUARY 2026)

- Draft exposure drafts for business and accounting based phase 2 above
- Issue exposure drafts in first half of January 2026
- 30 day comment period (closes after first half February 2026)

4 EXPOSURE DRAFT PERIOD (JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2026)

- STF review of member feedback on business and accounting exposure drafts
- Revise standards based on exposure draft feedback

5 FINALIZE STANDARDS (MARCH 2026)

- STF finalize business and accounting standards
- AAPC/BAPC approval
- Board of Directors approval
- Send to Accreditation Council 20 days prior to vote

6 STANDARDS VOTE (APRIL 2026)

- Accreditation Council vote on Global Standards for Business Education
- Accounting Accreditation Council vote on Accounting Standards

7 ADOPTION (JULY 2026)

- Standards effective July 1, 2026
- Likely a one-year transition period (schools may adopt sooner)

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