

## NWCCU POLICIES | Receipt of Unsolicited Information

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Information about institutions is ordinarily received by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) from annual-reports, self-evaluations, special reports prepared by institutions, and peer evaluation team reports. Information from these sources as well as information gained from meetings with the NWCCU in connection with such reports constitute the core functions of the NWCCU and, therefore, are not considered unsolicited.

Occasionally, the NWCCU receives complaints from individuals or organizations about a member institution in which case that information would be reviewed by the NWCCU according to the Policy on Complaints Regarding Member or Candidate Institutions.

Unsolicited information covered by this Policy on Receipt of Unsolicited Information, and which is not considered a complaint, may also be received by the NWCCU from a governmental agency, the public, a non-member institution, or the media. Such information will be reviewed by the NWCCU staff, and if deemed advisable, the institution that is the subject of the information will be notified of the information and given time to respond. If, after reviewing the institutional response, the NWCCU staff determines that the unsolicited information is material to the NWCCU Eligibility Requirements, Standards for Accreditation, and Policies, the information and documentation, along with the institution's response, will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review and further action.

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