

WAC 504-21-040 Requests and appeal procedures. (1) A request by a student for review of information or a request for amendment shall be made in writing to the university employee or office having custody of the particular record. A request for amendment may be appropriate if the student believes the records contain information that is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of his/her rights to privacy. Neither the student records officer nor the registration and records committee shall review any matter regarding the appropriateness of official academic grades. (University academic regulations 104, "academic complaint procedures," and 105, "administrative changes to final grades," should be followed in all cases involving grading disputes.)

(2) The person or office receiving a proper request for review or amendment of information must respond to the request within a reasonable period of time, but in cases where a student requests review, no more than forty-five days after the request has been made.

(3)(a) A student who believes his or her request has not been properly answered by a particular person or office should consult the appropriate dean or director having supervisory responsibility for the office.

(b) If a student remains dissatisfied after consulting with the appropriate dean or director, the student may then appeal to the student records officer, who will review the appeal and may refer it to the university registration and records committee. All cases involving requests for amendment will be referred to the registration and records committee for hearing. In either case, the decision shall be rendered within a reasonable period of time. The decision shall be final, *except as provided in WAC 504-21-080.*

(c) Appeals must be filed with the student records officer within ninety days from the date of the initial request to the custodian of the record.

(d) Eligible students are hereby notified of their right to file a complaint with the Department of Education concerning any alleged failure of Washington State University to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.30.150. WSR 09-04-060, § 504-21-040, filed 2/2/09, effective 3/5/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.30.150 and 20 U.S.C. 1232g. WSR 95-07-043, § 504-21-040, filed 3/8/95, effective 4/8/95; Order 77-1, § 504-21-040, filed 5/2/77.]