

WAC 504-45-080 Review of denials of public records. (1) Petition for internal administrative review of denial of access. Any person who objects to the initial denial or partial denial of a records request may petition in writing (including email) to the public records officer for a review of that decision. The petition must include a copy of, or reasonably identify, the written statement by the public records officer or designee denying the request.

(2) Consideration of petition for review. The public records officer immediately refers the petition to their supervisor, or a designee in the supervisor's absence, who considers the petition and either affirms or reverses such denial within two business days following the university's receipt of the petition, or within such other time as the university and the requestor mutually agree.

(3) Review by the attorney general's office. Pursuant to RCW 42.56.530, if the university denies a requestor access to public records because it claims the record is exempt in whole or in part from disclosure, the requestor may request the attorney general's office review the matter. The attorney general has adopted rules on such requests in WAC 44-06-160.

(4) Judicial review. Any person may request court review of denials of public records requests pursuant to RCW 42.56.550 at the conclusion of two business days after the initial denial regardless of any internal administrative appeal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.30.150. WSR 23-19-061, § 504-45-080, filed 9/18/23, effective 10/19/23; WSR 17-23-138, § 504-45-080, filed 11/20/17, effective 12/21/17; WSR 08-08-055, § 504-45-080, filed 3/27/08, effective 4/27/08; WSR 07-04-027, § 504-45-080, filed 1/29/07, effective 3/1/07.]