



April 26, 2021

Dr. Rick MacLennan
President
North Idaho College
1000 West Garden Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Dear President MacLennan:

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) received a formal complaint regarding the situation at North Idaho College and its Board of Trustees, alleging violation of Eligibility Requirements for continuing accreditation. The complaint is attached to this email.

Specifically, we will be investigating allegations associated with Eligibility Requirement #7, *Non-Discrimination*; Eligibility Requirement #9, *Governing Board*; and Eligibility Requirement #16, *Academic Freedom*.

In addition to the complaint materials, NWCCU received unsolicited information from a number of media sources related to the complaint regarding the relationship of the institution and its Board of Trustees.

We will be reviewing the complaint and media information under two separate NWCCU policies, [Complaints Regarding Candidate and Member Institutions Policy](#) and [Receipt of Unsolicited Information](#).

Please submit your institutional response to the three Eligibility Requirements listed above within 45 calendar days of the date of this letter.

Please contact us if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

c: Dr. Steven Kurtz, Accreditation Liaison Officer