

# RELEASE OF ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

## IT IS ASSOCIATION POLICY THAT

No information regarding a Commission recommendation for candidate or accredited status that requires subsequent action by the Board of Trustees be released to the public, including the news media, by the Association or any of its agents until such action has been taken by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' Board of Trustees.

If something is publicly released by an institution that misrepresents or distorts any one or more Commission recommendations, the Director of the Commission shall contact the chief executive officer of the institution and request that corrective action be taken. If the misrepresentation or distortion is not promptly corrected, the Director of the Commission should so notify the Executive Director of the Association who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association and who speaks on behalf of the Association. It is his responsibility, at his discretion, to release a public statement.

The Commission may at any time communicate a recommendation to the U. S. Department of Education whenever the Commission has reason to believe such communication will best serve the institution and/or public.

Following a Board of Trustees meeting, the President of the Association shall release information to the public and the news media stating what action has been taken on each institution considered at the meeting. Institutions upon which one of the following adverse actions has been taken by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' Board of Trustees have the right of appeal.

- denial of candidacy for accreditation
- denial of continuation of candidacy for accreditation
- denial of accreditation
- denial of continuation of accreditation
- placement of an institution on probation
- termination of accreditation

Institutions that elect to exercise this right will retain their accredited status until the appeals process of the Association is complete. Adverse actions of the Board of Trustees are not publicly announced until the right of appeal is exhausted.

Nothing in this policy is to prevent the professional staff at any time from clarifying policies and procedures used by the Association in the accreditation process.