Foreign interference notification procedure

Section 6 of UWA’s Foreign Interference Policy encourages University Officers and students to report to foreigninterference@uwa.edu.au, or in person to the Senior Officer (Compliance and Defence) any reasonably based concerns in relation to:

##### any monitoring of members of the University community by any persons which appear to have the purpose of gauging their opinions on topics of interest to foreign governments or organisations;

##### harassment, hostility, or intimidation toward members of the University community in relation to opinions they express in relation to foreign governments or organisations;

##### activities intended to suppress criticism or dissent in relation to a foreign government or organisation;

##### the presence of unfamiliar individuals at lectures or other events dealing with topics likely to be considered sensitive by a foreign government or organisation;

##### demands or inducements to –

###### change content in subjects which relate to a foreign government or organisation;

###### cancel visits or activities where the visits or activities are likely to be of concern to a foreign government or organisation;

###### grant unnecessarily broad access to the University’s information systems; and

##### use of acquired access to physical facilities or Information Technology systems to disrupt, damage, disclose or provide access to University information to unauthorised third parties.

The following procedure explains the steps that should be followed from notification to the outcome or completion of a case.

1. University Officer or student (Person 1) emails foreigninterference@uwa.edu.au or contacts Senior Officer (Compliance and Defence) to possible incident.
2. The Senior Officer (Compliance and Defence) or another member of UWA’s Foreign Interference team (Person 2) will case manage the incident, ensuring confidentiality and following UWA Foreign Interference Advisory Committee (FIAC) standard operating procedures.
3. Person 2 meets with Person 1 to collect information and discuss options.
4. Person 2 seeks advice, if and as appropriate, from other University Officers and from Government agencies.
5. FIAC determines appropriate course of action, based on FIAC standard operating procedures.
6. Person 2 informs Person 1 as appropriate.