

# **Sexual Harassment Under Title IX**

**American InterContinental University System**

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# Section A: University Policies

## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

Consistent with the University's Non-Discrimination Notice and the U.S. Department of Education's implementing regulations for Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") (see 34 C.F.R. § 106 *et seq.*), the University prohibits Sexual Harassment that occurs within its education programs or activities. The University is committed to creating and maintaining a community in which students, faculty and employees work in an environment free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, or violence. The Sexual Harassment Policy prohibits sexual harassment including: Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment, Hostile Environment Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking.

Administrators, faculty member, staff, students, contractors, guests, and other members of the University community who commit Sexual Harassment are subject to the full range of University discipline including verbal reprimand; written reprimand; mandatory training, coaching, or counseling; mandatory monitoring; partial or full probation; partial or full suspension; fines; permanent separation from the institution (that is, termination or dismissal); physical restriction from University property; cancellation of contracts; and any combination of the same.

The University will provide persons who have experienced Sexual Harassment ongoing remedies as reasonably necessary to restore or preserve access to the University's Education Programs or Activities.

## 2. SCOPE

This policy applies to Sexual Harassment that occurs within the University's Education Programs or Activities and that is committed by an administrator, faculty member, staff, student, contractor, guest, or other member of the University community.

This policy does not apply to Sexual Harassment that occurs off-campus, in a private setting, and outside the scope of the University's Education Programs or Activities; such sexual misconduct may be prohibited by the Student Code of Conduct if committed by a student, policy 702 if committed by an employee, or other University policies and standards.

Consistent with the U.S. Department of Education's implementing regulations for Title IX, this policy does not apply to Sexual Harassment that occurs outside the geographic boundaries of the United States, even if the Sexual Harassment occurs in the University's Education Programs or Activities, such as a study abroad program. Sexual Harassment that occurs outside the geographic boundaries of the United States is governed by the Student Code of Conduct if committed by a student, the Employee Conduct Code if committed by an employee, or other University policies and standards, including but not limited to the No Fraternization with Students Policy outlined in the Employee Code of Business Conduct & Ethics.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

- a. "Sexual Harassment" is conduct on the basis of sex that constitutes Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment, Hostile Environment Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking.
- b. "Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment" is an employee of the University conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the University on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual contact.
- c. "Hostile Environment Sexual Harassment" is unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person access to the University's Education Programs or Activities.
- d. "Sexual Assault" includes the sex offenses of Rape, Sodomy, Sexual Assault with an Object, Fondling, Incest, and Statutory Rape.<sup>1</sup>
  - i. "Rape" is the carnal knowledge of a person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. There is "carnal knowledge" if there is the slightest penetration of the vagina or penis by the sexual organ of the other person. Attempted Rape is included.
  - ii. "Sodomy" is oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
  - iii. "Sexual Assault with an Object" is using an object or instrument to unlawfully penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. An "object" or "instrument" is anything used by the offender other than the offender's genitalia.
  - iv. "Fondling" is the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
  - v. "Incest" is sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
  - vi. "Statutory Rape" is sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent as defined by the law in the state where the intercourse occurred.
- e. "Domestic Violence" is felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as

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<sup>1</sup> The University's definition of "Sexual Assault" is mandated by federal regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Those regulations require the University to adopt a definition of "Sexual Assault" that incorporates various forcible and non-forcible sex crimes as defined by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting System. See 34 C.F.R. § 106.30(a).

a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws.

- f. "Dating Violence" is violence committed by a person –
- i. Who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
  - ii. Where the existence of such a relationship will be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
    - The length of the relationship;
    - The type of relationship; and
    - The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.
- g. "Stalking" is engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:
- Fear for their safety or the safety of others; or
  - Suffer substantial emotional distress.
- h. "Consent" refers to words or actions that a reasonable person in the perspective of the Respondent would understand as agreement to engage in the sexual conduct at issue. A person who is Incapacitated is not capable of giving Consent. Consent must be given voluntarily, without coercion.<sup>2</sup>
- i. "Incapacitated" refers to the state where a person does not appreciate the nature or fact of sexual activity due to the effect of drugs or alcohol consumption, medical condition or disability, or due to a state of unconsciousness or sleep.
- j. "Retaliation" is intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against any individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured by Title IX and its implementing regulations or because an individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or

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<sup>2</sup> **"Coercion" Definition:**

"Coercion" is direct or implied threat of force, violence, danger, hardship, or retribution sufficient to persuade a reasonable person of ordinary susceptibility to perform an act which otherwise would not have been performed or acquiesce in an act to which one would otherwise not have submitted. Coercion can include unreasonable and sustained pressure for sexual activity. Coercive behavior differs from seductive behavior based on the type of pressure someone uses to get consent from another. A person's words or conduct cannot amount to Coercion for purposes of this policy unless they wrongfully impair the other's freedom of will and ability to choose whether or not to engage in sexual activity.

participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy.

- k. "Complainant" means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute Sexual Harassment.
- l. "Respondent" means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute Sexual Harassment.
- m. "Formal Complaint" means a document filed by a Complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging Sexual Harassment against a Respondent and requesting that the University investigate the allegation of Sexual Harassment in accordance with this policy. At the time of filing a Formal Complaint, a Complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in the University's Education Programs or Activities. A "document filed by a Complainant" means a document or electronic submission (such as an email) that contains the Complainant's physical or electronic signature or otherwise indicates that the Complainant is the person filing the Complaint.
- n. "Supportive Measures" are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate and reasonably available, and without fee or charge, that are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the University's Education Programs or Activities without unreasonably burdening another party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties implicated by a report or the University's education environment, or to deter Sexual Harassment. Supportive measures may include: counseling, extensions of academic or other deadlines, course-related adjustments, modifications to work or class schedules, campus escort services, changes in work or class locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of campus, and other similar measures. Supportive Measures may also include mutual restrictions on contact between the parties implicated by a report.
- o. "Education Programs or Activities" refers to all the operations of the University, including, but not limited to, in-person and online educational instruction, employment, research activities, extracurricular activities, athletics, performances, and community engagement and outreach programs. The term applies to all activity that occurs on campus or on other property owned or occupied by the University. It also includes off-campus locations, events, or circumstances over which the University exercises substantial control over the Respondent and the context in which the Sexual Harassment occurs, including Sexual Harassment occurring in any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by the University.

#### **4. UNDERSTANDING HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

In determining whether a hostile environment exists, the University will consider the totality of circumstances, including factors such as the actual impact the conduct has had on the Complainant; the nature and severity of the conduct at issue; the frequency and duration of the conduct; the relationship between the parties (including accounting for whether one individual has power or authority over the other); the respective ages of the parties; the context in which the conduct occurred; and the number of persons affected. The University will evaluate the totality of circumstances from the perspective of a reasonable person in the Complainant's position. A person's adverse subjective reaction to conduct is not sufficient, in and of itself, to establish the existence of a hostile environment.

The University encourages members of the University Community to report any and all instances of Sexual Harassment, even if they are unsure whether the conduct rises to the level of a policy violation.

Some specific examples of conduct that may constitute Sexual Harassment if unwelcome include, but are not limited to:

- Unreasonable pressure for a dating, romantic, or intimate relationship or sexual contact
- Unwelcome kissing, hugging, or massaging
- Sexual innuendos, jokes, or humor
- Displaying sexual graffiti, pictures, videos, or posters
- Using sexually explicit profanity
- Asking about, or telling about, sexual fantasies, sexual preferences, or sexual activities
- E-mail, internet, or other electronic use that violates this policy
- Leering or staring at someone in a sexual way, such as staring at a person's breasts or groin
- Sending sexually explicit emails, text messages, or social media posts
- Commenting on a person's dress in a sexual manner
- Giving unwelcome personal gifts such as lingerie that suggest the desire for a romantic relationship
- Insulting, demeaning, or degrading another person based on gender or gender stereotypes

## **5. UNDERSTANDING CONSENT AND INCAPACITATION**

### **(a) Consent**

Lack of consent is a critical factor in determining whether Sexual Harassment has occurred. As defined above, consent is a mutual, voluntary, and informed agreement to participate in specific sexual acts with another person that is not achieved through unreasonable manipulation or coercion—or any kind of physical force or weapon—and requires having cognitive ability to agree to participate. Consent requires an outward demonstration, through mutually understandable words, conduct or action, indicating that an individual has freely chosen to engage in the specific sexual acts. A verbal “no” constitutes lack of consent, even if it sounds insincere or indecisive.

Impairment or incapacitation due to alcohol and/or drug use, permanent/ temporary psychological or physical disability, and being below the age of consent in the applicable jurisdiction are factors which detract from or make consent impossible. (Note: In Arizona, the minimum age of consent for purposes of Statutory Rape is age eighteen (18) and no one under fifteen (15) years of age is considered capable of consent. In Georgia, the minimum age of consent for purposes of Statutory Rape is age sixteen (16) and no one under sixteen (16) years of age is considered capable of consent. In Texas, the minimum age of consent for purposes of Statutory Rape is age seventeen (17) and no one under seventeen (17) years of age is considered capable of consent.)

Silence or an absence of resistance does not imply consent, and consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another. Even in the context of an ongoing relationship, consent must be sought and freely given for each specific sexual act. Consent may be withdrawn at any time. When consent is withdrawn, sexual activity must immediately stop.

### **(b) Incapacitation**

Incapacitation is a state where an individual cannot make an informed and rational decision to consent to engage in sexual contact because the individual lacks conscious knowledge of the nature of the act (e.g., to understand the “who, what, where, when, why or how” of the sexual interaction) and/or is physically or mentally helpless. An individual is also considered incapacitated, and therefore unable to give consent, when asleep, unconscious, or otherwise unaware that sexual contact is occurring.

Incapacitation can only be found when the Respondent knew or should have known that the Complainant was incapacitated when viewed from the position of a sober, reasonable person. One's own intoxication is not an excuse for failure to recognize another person's incapacitation.

Incapacitation may result from the use of alcohol and/or other drugs; however, consumption of alcohol or other drugs, inebriation, or intoxication alone are insufficient to establish incapacitation. Incapacitation is beyond mere drunkenness or intoxication. The impact of alcohol or drugs varies from person to person, and evaluating incapacitation requires an assessment of how consumption of alcohol and/or drugs impacts an individual's:

- Decision-making ability
- Awareness of consequences
- Ability to make informed judgments
- Capacity to appreciate the nature of circumstances of the act.

No single factor is determinative of incapacitation. Some common signs that someone may be incapacitated include slurred speech, confusion, shaky balance, stumbling or falling down, vomiting, and unconsciousness.

## **6. REPORTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY**

Any person may report Sexual Harassment to the Title IX Coordinator. Reports may be made in person, by regular mail, telephone, electronic mail, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. In-person reports must be made during normal business hours, but reports can be made by regular mail, telephone, or electronic mail at any time, including outside normal business hours.

The name and contact information for the Title IX Coordinator is:

Brandie Riegle, Ombudsman & Title IX Coordinator  
2200 East Germann Road  
Chandler, AZ 85286  
847-851-5275  
[BRiegle@aiuniv.edu](mailto:BRiegle@aiuniv.edu)

The Title IX Coordinator oversees all stages of the grievance process, with specific responsibilities for intake. Additional responsibilities include but are not limited to:

1. Signing a formal complaint to initiate the formal investigation process where a complainant does not go forward on their own;
2. Sending notice of a formal complaint;
3. Contacting complainants and respondents to offer supportive measures and discuss proceedings;
4. Deciding emergency interim removals;
5. Selecting and managing investigators and the hearing council while evaluating conflicts of interest;
6. Reviewing/revising investigative reports to ensure completeness
7. Advising parties of adjudication processes (which can include administrative adjudication (voluntary and in lieu of hearing, as form of informal resolution) or hearing);
8. Organizing and managing selection and logistics of administrative adjudications and hearings, attend hearings;
9. Manage appeal process with the Appeals Officer;
10. Manage dismissals for complainant withdraws, where respondent no longer enrolled/employed;
11. Approving parties to proceed with informal resolution option and facilitate that option (may be the TIXC or other official); and

12. Helping to oversee and manage training requirements for all Title IX team members, faculty, and employees.

In addition to reporting to the Title IX Coordinator, any person may report Sexual Harassment to any University employee with managerial authority over other employees, including president's cabinet members, deans, program chairs, department heads, supervisors, and other managers (collectively "Reporting Officials") who must promptly forward such report of Sexual Harassment to the Title IX Coordinator.

University employees who are not Reporting Officials are encouraged, but are not required to, forward reports of Sexual Harassment to the Title IX Coordinator.

#### *Rights for Involved Parties*

Complainants are encouraged to exercise their rights, if desired, including the following actions which are provided to the complainant in writing.

- Obtaining immediate medical attention, including a forensic examination (completing a forensic examination does not require the complainant to file a police report)
- Receiving counseling referral information
- Receiving information on services for health, advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, and student financial aid
- Completing crime reports
- Seeking supportive measures such as changing academic and work situations (e.g., student's course schedule; employee's work environment)
- Seeking a no-contact order from the University and information relating to judicial restraining and protective orders

The University strongly encourages the reporting of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking in a timely manner. Complainants may report an allegation of the above to the Title IX Coordinator or designee by contacting them either in writing or in person. Complainants also have the option of notifying local law enforcement. If requested by the complainant, the University will assist in notifying law enforcement. The complainant also has the option to decline notifying authorities.

The University will:

- (a) provide complainants and respondents with information about existing counseling, health, mental health, advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other supportive measures available for both parties, within the University and in the community; and
- (b) provide complainants and respondents with written information about their options for, and available assistance in seeking supportive measures, such as changing academic, living, transportation and working situations if requested and reasonably available. Supportive measures will be available irrespective of whether the complainant chooses to report the offense to campus security or to local law enforcement or participate in informal or formal hearing proceedings.

In addition, the Title IX Coordinator or designee will provide the complainant with written information on off-campus organizations and agencies that provide services to victims of a sex offense. Specific contact information for the services identified in this section is listed on the last page of this document.

Requests for supportive measures should be made to the individuals listed in the Contact Information



section of this document; these individuals are responsible for deciding what, if any, supportive measures will be implemented. When determining the reasonableness of such a request, the University may consider, among other factors, the following:

- The specific need expressed by the requester
- The burden, if any, of the supportive measure on both parties and the ability to reduce or mitigate those concerns for each party
- Alternative supportive measures available to accomplish the goal specified by the requester
- The severity or pervasiveness of the allegations
- Any continuing effects of the alleged misconduct
- Whether the parties share the same class or job location
- The age of the parties involved

The University will maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the extent that maintaining confidentiality would not impair the University's ability to provide them. However, there may be times when certain information must be disclosed to a third party in order to implement the supportive measure. Such decisions will be made by the Title IX Coordinator in light of the surrounding circumstances, and disclosures of this nature will be limited so that only the information necessary to implement the supportive measure is provided. In the event it is necessary to disclose information about a party in order to provide a supportive measure, the University will inform the impacted party of that necessity prior to the disclosure, including which information will be shared, with whom it will be shared and why.

If either party informs the institution that they have an order of protection, no-contact order, restraining order or similar lawful order issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court in effect, the institution will uphold the conditions of the order to the best of its ability. The institution does not issue orders of protection, but will assist parties in identifying available resources to assist them in filing for an order. Information related to filing for a temporary restraining order may be found in the Resource Appendix found at the end of this policy.

### ***Confidentiality***

The institution will protect the privacy interests of the parties to the greatest extent practicable. Publicly available recordkeeping, such as mandatory Clery reporting, will be accomplished without the inclusion of identifying information, to the extent permitted by law.

### ***Filing a Police Report***

Although the procedure for filing a police report varies from city to city, there are basic steps to follow when you file a report.

1. Contact the police department in the city where the crime occurred. Talk to a police officer as soon as possible after the crime took place so your memory of the incident and individuals involved is fresh.
2. Know that you can file a police report at the police station or ask for an officer to come to your home. Some police jurisdictions allow you to file a police report online. Be prepared to answer questions such as the type of crime that transpired, items missing or damaged, name of the person who committed the crime (if known) and a description of the suspect along with the address and vehicle type (if known). Give your contact information so the officer can follow up with you on the case.
3. Receive a case number for your police report. Refer to the number when you want an update on your case and if you'd like a copy of the police report.
4. Understand that there is no fee to file a police report. However, there is often a fee to get a copy of the police report.

The local police departments for the University are:

Chandler Police Department, 250 East Chicago St, Chandler, AZ 85225 (480) 782-4130

Houston Police Department, Houston, TX 77042 Westside Division Districts 19 & 20 (281)-584-4700

Sandy Springs Police Department, 7840 Roswell Road, Suite 301, Sandy Springs, GA 30350 (770)-551-6500.

## **7. SPECIAL ADVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, OR STALKING**

If you believe you are the victim of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, or Dating Violence, get to safety and do everything possible to preserve evidence by making certain that the crime scene is not disturbed. Preservation of evidence may be necessary for proof of the crime or in obtaining a protection order. For those who believe that they are victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, or Dating Violence, the University recommends the following:

- Get to a safe place as soon as possible.
- Try to preserve all physical evidence of the crime—avoid bathing, using the toilet, rinsing one’s mouth or changing clothes. If it is necessary, put all clothing that was worn at the time of the incident in a paper bag, not a plastic one.
- Do not launder or discard bedding or otherwise clean the area where the assault occurred - preserve for law enforcement.
- Preserve all forms of electronic communication that occurred before, during, or after the assault.
- Contact law enforcement by calling 911.
- Get medical attention - all medical injuries are not immediately apparent. This will also help collect evidence that may be needed in case you decide to press charges. Local hospitals have evidence collection kits necessary for criminal prosecution should you wish to pursue charges. Take a full change of clothing, including shoes, for use after a medical examination.
- Contact a trusted person, such as a friend or family member for support.
- Talk with a professional licensed counselor, University chaplain, or health care provider who can help explain options, give information, and provide emotional support.
- Make a report to the Title IX Coordinator.
- Explore this policy and avenues for resolution under the Title IX Grievance Process.

It is also important to take steps to preserve evidence in cases of Stalking, to the extent such evidence exists. Such evidence is more likely to be in the form of letters, emails, text messages, electronic images, etc. rather than evidence of physical contact and violence. This type of non-physical evidence will also be useful in all types of Sexual Harassment investigations. Once a report of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking is made, the victim has several options such as, but not limited to:

- obtaining Supportive Measures
- contacting parents or a relative
- seeking legal advice
- seeking personal counseling (always recommended)
- pursuing legal action against the perpetrator
- filing a Formal Complaint
- requesting that no further action be taken

The University’s Campus Security Authority can assist individuals in obtaining a personal protection order (“PPO”).

# Section B: University Procedures

## 1. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

After receiving a report of Sexual Harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will conduct a preliminary assessment to determine:

- Whether the conduct, as reported, falls or could fall within the scope of this policy (see “Scope”); and
- Whether the conduct, as reported, constitutes or could constitute Sexual Harassment.

If the Title IX Coordinator determines that the conduct reported could not fall within the scope of the policy, and/or could not constitute Sexual Harassment, even if investigated, the Title IX Coordinator will close the matter and may notify the reporting party if doing so is consistent with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (“FERPA”). The Title IX Coordinator may refer the report to other University offices, as appropriate.

If the Title IX Coordinator determines that the conduct reported could fall within the scope of the policy, and/or could constitute Sexual Harassment, if investigated, the Title IX Coordinator will proceed to contact the Complainant (see “Contacting the Complainant”)

As part of the preliminary assessment, the Title IX Coordinator may take investigative steps to determine the identity of the Complainant, if it is not apparent from the report.

## 2. CONTACTING THE COMPLAINANT

If a report is not closed as a result of the preliminary assessment (see “Preliminary Assessment”) and the Complainant’s identity is known, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly contact the Complainant to discuss the availability of Supportive Measures (see “Supportive Measures”); to discuss and consider the Complainant’s wishes with respect to Supportive Measures; to inform the Complainant about the availability of Supportive Measures with or without filing a Formal Complaint; and to explain the process for filing and pursuing a Formal Complaint. The Complainant will also be provided options for filing complaints with the local police and information about resources that are available on campus and in the community.

## 3. SUPPORTIVE MEASURES

If a report is not closed as a result of the preliminary assessment (see “Preliminary Assessment”), the University will offer and make available Supportive Measures to the Complainant regardless of whether the Complainant elects to file a Formal Complaint.

Contemporaneously with the Respondent being notified of a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will notify the Respondent of the availability of Supportive Measures for the Respondent, and the University will offer and make available Supportive Measures to the Respondent in the same manner in which it offers and makes them available to the Complainant. The University will also offer and make available Supportive Measures to the Respondent prior to the Respondent being notified of a Formal Complaint, if the Respondent requests such measures.

The University will maintain the confidentiality of Supportive Measures provided to either a Complainant or Respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality does not impair the University’s ability to provide the Supportive Measures in question.

#### **4. INTERIM REMOVAL**

At any time after receiving a report of Sexual Harassment, the Title IX Coordinator may remove a student Respondent from one or more of the University's Education Programs or Activities on an temporary basis if an individualized safety and risk analysis determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any student or other individual arising from the allegations of Sexual Harassment justifies removal. In the event the Title IX Coordinator imposes an interim removal, the Title IX Coordinator must offer to meet with the Respondent within twenty-four hours and provide the Respondent an opportunity to challenge the interim removal.

In the case of a Respondent who is a non-student employee (administrator, faculty, or staff), and in its discretion, the University may place the Respondent on administrative leave at any time after receiving a report of Sexual Harassment, including during the pendency of the investigation and adjudication process (see "Investigation" and "Adjudication").

For all other Respondents, including independent contractors and guests, the University retains broad discretion to prohibit such persons from entering onto its campus and other properties at any time, and for any reason, whether after receiving a report of Sexual Harassment or otherwise.

#### **5. FORMAL COMPLAINT**

A Complainant may file a Formal Complaint with the Title IX Coordinator requesting that the University investigate and adjudicate a report of Sexual Harassment in accordance with the provisions "Investigation" and "Adjudication." Provided, however, that at the time the Complainant submits a Formal Complaint, the Complainant must be participating in, or attempting to participate in, one or more of the University's Education Programs or Activities.

A Complainant may file a Formal Complaint with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by regular mail, or by email using the contact information specified in "Reporting Sexual Harassment." No person may submit a Formal Complaint on the Complainant's behalf.

In any case, including a case where a Complainant elects not to file a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator may file a Formal Complaint on behalf of the University if doing so is not clearly unreasonable. Such action will normally be taken in limited circumstances involving serious or repeated conduct or where the alleged perpetrator may pose a continuing threat to the University Community. Factors the Title IX Coordinator may consider include (but are not limited to): (a) was a weapon involved in the incident; (b) were multiple assailants involved in the incident; (c) is the accused a repeat offender; and (d) does the incident create a risk of occurring again.

If the Complainant or the Title IX Coordinator files a Formal Complaint, then the University will commence an investigation as specified in "Reporting Sexual Harassment" and proceed to adjudicate the matter as specified in "Adjudication," below. In all cases where a Formal Complaint is filed, the Complainant will be treated as a party, irrespective of the party's level of participation.

In a case where the Title IX Coordinator files a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will not act as a Complainant or otherwise as a party for purposes of the investigation and adjudication processes.

#### **6. CONSOLIDATION OF FORMAL COMPLAINTS**

The University may consolidate Formal Complaints as to allegations of Sexual Harassment against more than one Respondent, or by more than one Complainant against one or more Respondents, or by one party against the other party, where the allegations of Sexual Harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. Where the investigation and adjudication process involve more than one Complainant or

more than one Respondent, references in this policy to the singular “party,” “Complainant,” or “Respondent” include the plural, as applicable. A Formal Complaint of Retaliation may be consolidated with a Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment.

## **7. DISMISSAL PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF INVESTIGATION**

In a case where the Complainant files a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will evaluate the Formal Complaint and must dismiss it if the Title IX Coordinator determines:

- The conduct alleged in the Formal Complaint would not constitute Sexual Harassment, even if proved; or
- The conduct alleged in the Formal Complaint falls outside the scope of the policy specified in “Scope” (that is, because the alleged conduct did not occur in the University’s Education Programs or Activities and/or the alleged conduct occurred outside the geographic boundaries of the United States).

In the event the Title IX Coordinator determines the Formal Complaint should be dismissed pursuant to this Section, the Title IX Coordinator will provide written notice of dismissal to the parties and advise them of their right to appeal as specified in “Appeal.” The Title IX Coordinator may refer the subject matter of the Formal Complaint to other University offices, as appropriate. A dismissal pursuant to this Section is presumptively a final determination for purposes of this policy, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Title IX Coordinator in the written notice of dismissal.

## **8. NOTICE OF FORMAL COMPLAINT**

Within five (5) days of the Title IX Coordinator receiving a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will transmit a written notice to the Complainant and Respondent that includes:

- A physical copy of this policy or a hyperlink to this policy;
- Sufficient details known at the time so that the parties may prepare for an initial interview with the investigator, to include the identities of the parties involved in the incident (if known), the conduct allegedly constituting Sexual Harassment, and the date and location of the alleged incident (if known);
- A statement that the Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged Sexual Harassment and that a determination of responsibility will not be made until the conclusion of the adjudication and any appeal;
- Notifying the Complainant and Respondent of their right to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice, as specified in “Advisor of Choice.”
- Notifying the Complainant and Respondent of their right to inspect and review evidence as specified in “Access to Evidence.”
- Notifying the Complainant and Respondent of the University’s prohibitions on retaliation and false statements specified in Sections “Bad Faith Complaints and False Information” and “Retaliation.”
- Information about resources that are available on campus and in the community.

Should the University elect, at any point, to investigate allegations that are materially beyond the scope of the initial written notice, the University will provide a supplemental written notice describing the additional allegations to be investigated.

## **9. INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

The University is committed to undertaking prompt, thorough, impartial and fair investigations upon receiving formal notice or allegation of a complaint of sexual misconduct and/or sexual harassment. The

University will make no determination regarding responsibility for the alleged conduct until the conclusion of the investigative and adjudicative process. From the initial investigation to final result, the University will treat all involved individuals with respect and sensitivity. Depending upon the nature of the alleged or suspected policy violation, the relevant University official (or his or her designee) will conduct an investigation either alone or with one or more other University officials as deemed appropriate by the University.

i. Commencement and Timing

After the written notice of Formal Complaint is transmitted to the parties, an investigator selected by the Title IX Coordinator will undertake an investigation to gather evidence relevant to the alleged misconduct, including inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. The burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination in the adjudication lies with the University and not with the parties. The investigation will culminate in a written investigation report, specified in "Investigation Report," that will be submitted to the adjudicator during the selected adjudication process. Although the length of each investigation may vary depending on the totality of the circumstances, the University strives to complete each investigation within sixty (60) days to ninety (90) days of the transmittal of the written notice of Formal Complaint.

ii. Equal Opportunity

During the investigation, the investigator will provide an equal opportunity for the parties to be interviewed, to present witnesses (including fact and expert witnesses), and to present other inculpatory and exculpatory evidence. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the investigator retains discretion to limit the number of witness interviews the investigator conducts if the investigator finds that testimony would be unreasonably cumulative, if the witnesses are offered solely as character references and do not have information relevant to the allegations at issue, or if the witnesses are offered to render testimony that is categorically inadmissible, such as testimony concerning sexual history of the Complainant, as specified in "Sexual History." The investigator will not restrict the ability of the parties to gather and present relevant evidence on their own.

The investigation is a party's opportunity to present testimonial and other evidence that the party believes is relevant to resolution of the allegations in the Formal Complaint. A party that is aware of and has a reasonable opportunity to present particular evidence and/or identify particular witnesses during the investigation, and elects not to, will be prohibited from introducing any such evidence during the adjudication absent a showing of mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect.

iii. Documentation of Investigation

The investigator will take reasonable steps to ensure the investigation is documented. Interviews of the parties and witnesses may be documented by the investigator's notes, audio recorded, video recorded, or transcribed. The particular method utilized to record the interviews of parties and witnesses will be determined by the investigator in the investigator's sole discretion, although whatever method is chosen shall be used consistently throughout a particular investigation.

iv. Access to the Evidence

At the conclusion of the evidence-gathering phase of the investigation, but prior to the completion of the investigation report, the Investigating Officer will transmit to each party and their advisor, in either electronic or hard copy form, all evidence obtained as part of the investigation that is directly related to the allegations raised in the Formal Complaint, including evidence the University may choose not to rely on at any hearing and inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a party or some other source. Thereafter, the parties will have ten (10) days in which to submit to the investigator a written response, which the investigator will consider prior to completing the investigation report.

The parties and their advisors are permitted to review the evidence solely for the purposes of this grievance process and may not duplicate or disseminate the evidence to the public.

v. Investigation Report

After the period for the parties to provide any written response as specified in "Access to Evidence" has expired, the investigator will complete a written investigation report that fairly summarizes the various steps taken during the investigation, summarizes the relevant evidence collected, lists material facts on which the parties agree, and lists material facts on which the parties do not agree. When the investigation report is complete, the investigator will transmit a copy to the Title IX Coordinator. The investigator will also transmit the investigation report to each party and their advisor, in either electronic or hard copy form.

vi. Training of Investigators

The official(s) designated to investigate and adjudicate the case shall be trained in the investigation of, and other issues related to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, shall not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against any parties involved in the potential Policy violation, and shall have received at least annual training on issues related to these issues delivered by third-party providers with specialized expertise in this area. Topics include, but are not limited to: relevant evidence and how it should be used during a proceeding, proper techniques for questioning witnesses, basic procedural rules for conducting a proceeding, and avoiding actual and perceived conflicts of interest. Training materials are available on the University website; and additional documentation can be requested from the Title IX Coordinator.

## 10. FORMAL RESOLUTION PROCESS

The formal resolution process applies (a) when any party so requests in connection with a matter that is eligible for informal resolution; and (b) to all matters that are not eligible for informal resolution (i.e., matters involving alleged or suspected sexual misconduct, as well as complaints of an employee violating this policy with a student). The Title IX Coordinator may also elect to use the formal resolution process in any matter when the University deems it appropriate, including when complaints are brought forward anonymously and/or the Title IX Coordinator has received reports of serious misconduct and no particular alleged victim wishes to sign a formal complaint. The University may consolidate formal complaints where the allegations of sexual harassment arise out of the same facts or circumstances. As part of the formal resolution process, the University may determine that further steps are required to complete the University's investigation. Formal complaints may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in person, by mail, or by e-mail. This process applies to both students and University employees.

The following procedural protections apply to matters that are not resolved using the Informal Resolution Process described below.

1. *Terminating a Formal Complaint.* The University may terminate the formal resolution process at any time during the investigation or hearing if: (a) a complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the complainant would like to withdraw the formal complaint or any allegations therein; (b) the respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the institution; or (c) the institution is prevented from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding the formal complaint or allegations therein. If this occurs, the institution will notify all parties in a timely manner. In some circumstances, such as those where there is an ongoing threat to the campus community, the Title IX Coordinator may decide to pursue formal Title IX processes against an alleged perpetrator even if the complainant withdraws their formal complaint.
2. *Standard for Determining Responsibility.* The standard used to determine whether this policy has

been violated is whether it is more likely than not that the accused violated this policy. This is often referred to as a “preponderance of the evidence” standard. This standard is utilized in all investigations under Title IX for both students and employees.

## **11. ADJUDICATION PROCESS SELECTION**

After the investigator has sent the investigation report to the parties, the Title IX Coordinator will transmit to each party a notice advising the party of the two different adjudication processes specified in “Adjudication.” The notice will explain that the hearing process specified in “Hearing Process” is the default process for adjudicating all Formal Complaints and will be utilized unless both parties voluntarily consent to administrative adjudication as specified in “Administrative Adjudication (Optional)” as a form of informal resolution. The notice will be accompanied by a written consent to administrative adjudication and will advise each party that, if both parties execute the written consent to administrative adjudication, then the administrative adjudication process will be used in lieu of the hearing process. Parties are urged to carefully review this policy (including the entirety of “Adjudication”), consult with their advisor, and consult with other persons as they deem appropriate (including an attorney) prior to consenting to administrative adjudication.

Each party will have three (3) days from transmittal of the notice specified in this Section to return the signed written consent form to the Title IX Coordinator. If either party does not timely return the signed written consent, that party will be deemed not to have consented to administrative adjudication and the Formal Complaint will be adjudicated pursuant to the hearing process.

## **12. ADJUDICATION**

### **(a) Hearing Process**

The default process for adjudicating Formal Complaints is the hearing process specified in this Section (“Hearing Process”). The hearing process will be used to adjudicate all Formal Complaints unless both parties timely consent to administrative adjudication as specified in “Adjudication Process Selection.”

#### **(1) Hearing Panel**

After selection of the hearing process as the form of administrative adjudication, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly appoint a hearing panel who will oversee the hearing process and render a determination of responsibility for the allegations in the Formal Complaint at the conclusion of the hearing process. The Title IX Coordinator will see that the hearing panel is provided a copy of the investigation report and a copy of all evidence transmitted to the parties by the investigator as specified in “Access to Evidence.”

Adjudication involves a review by the AIUS Title IX Hearing Panel. The Council is comprised of at least three AIUS Administrators, all of whom receive training, at least annually, on the issues relating to Sexual Misconduct, including Sexual Harassment, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. They will also be trained regarding how to determine the admissibility of evidence, evaluate evidence for weight and credibility, and apply the standard of evidence adopted by the University, among other topics.

#### **(2) Hearing Notice and Response to the Investigation Report**

After the hearing panel is appointed by the Title IX Coordinator, the a member of the hearing panel will promptly transmit written notice to the parties notifying the parties of the hearing panel’s appointment; setting a deadline for the parties to submit any written response to the investigation report; setting a date for the pre-hearing conference; setting a date and time for the hearing; and providing a copy of the University’s Hearing Procedures. Neither the pre-hearing conference, nor the hearing itself, may be held



any earlier than ten (10) days from the date of transmittal of the written notice specified in this Section (“Hearing Notice and Response to the Investigation Report”).

A party’s written response to the investigation report must include:

- To the extent the party disagrees with the investigation report, any argument or commentary regarding such disagreement;
- Any argument that evidence should be categorically excluded from consideration at the hearing based on privilege, relevancy, the prohibition on the use of sexual history specified in “Sexual History,” or for any other reason;
- A list of any witnesses that the party contends should be requested to attend the hearing pursuant to an attendance notice issued by the hearing officer;
- A list of any witnesses that the party intends to bring to the hearing without an attendance notice issued by the hearing officer;
- Any objection that the party has to the University’s Hearing Procedures;
- Any request that the parties be separated physically during the pre-hearing conference and/or hearing;
- Any other accommodations that the party seeks with respect to the pre-hearing conference and/or hearing;
- The name and contact information of the advisor who will accompany the party at the pre-hearing conference and hearing;
- If the party does not have an advisor who will accompany the party at the hearing, a request that the University provide an advisor for purposes of conducting questioning as specified in “Hearing.”

A party’s written response to the investigation report may also include:

- Argument regarding whether any of the allegations in the Formal Complaint are supported by a preponderance of the evidence; and
- Argument regarding whether any of the allegations in the Formal Complaint constitute Sexual Harassment

### (3) Pre-Hearing Conference

Prior to the hearing, the hearing panel will conduct a pre-hearing conference with the parties and their advisors. The pre-hearing conference will be conducted live, with simultaneous and contemporaneous participation by the parties and their advisors. By default, the pre-hearing conference will be conducted with the hearing panel, the parties, the advisors, and other necessary University personnel together in the same physical location. However, upon request of either party, the parties will be separated into different rooms with technology enabling the parties to participate simultaneously and contemporaneously by video and audio.

In the hearing panel’s discretion, the pre-hearing conference may be conducted virtually, by use of video and audio technology, where all participants participate simultaneously and contemporaneously by use of such technology.

During the pre-hearing conference, the hearing panel will discuss the hearing procedures with the parties; address matters raised in the parties’ written responses to the investigation report, as the hearing panel deems appropriate; discuss whether any stipulations may be made to expedite the hearing; discuss the witnesses the parties have requested be served with notices of attendance and/or witnesses the parties plan to bring to the hearing without a notice of attendance; and resolve any other matters that the hearing panel determines, in the hearing panel’s discretion, should be resolved before the hearing.

#### (4) Issuance of Notices of Attendance

After the pre-hearing conference, the hearing officer will transmit notices of attendance to any University employee (including administrator, faculty, or staff) or student whose attendance is requested at the hearing as a witness. The notice will advise the recipient of the specified date and time of the hearing and advise the recipient to contact the hearing officer immediately if there is a material and unavoidable conflict.

The recipient of an attendance notice should notify any manager, faculty member, coach, or other supervisor, as necessary, if attendance at the hearing will conflict with job duties, classes, or other obligations. All such managers, faculty members, coaches, and other supervisors are required to excuse the recipient of the obligation, or provide some other accommodation, so that the recipient may attend the hearing as specified in the notice.

The University will not issue a notice of attendance to any witness who is not an employee or a student.

#### (5) The Council Review Hearing

After the pre-hearing conference, the Council Review Meeting will take place on the date and time at the location specified in the notice. Parties are required to attend the review meeting. If circumstances arise that require a change in the date or time, AIUS will provide both parties with written notice explaining the reason for such change and a new deadline for the submission of information. The AIU System Title IX Coordinator will act as administrator of the proceeding.

The Hearing Panel's review will not follow a courtroom model, and formal rules of evidence will not be observed. The Panel will resolve any questions of procedure arising during the meeting with advice from the Title IX Coordinator or legal counsel, if necessary. The Panel will review in advance all the written materials provided.

The Council Review Meeting will be conducted live, with simultaneous and contemporaneous participation by the parties and their advisors. The hearing will be conducted virtually, by use of video and audio technology, where all participants participate simultaneously and contemporaneously by use of such technology. The hearing will be audio recorded; the audio recording will be made available to the parties for inspection and review on reasonable notice, including for use in preparing any subsequent appeal.

While the Hearing Procedures and rulings from the hearing panel will govern the particulars of the hearing, each hearing will include, at a minimum:

- Opportunity for each party to address the hearing panel directly and to respond to questions posed by the hearing panel;
- Opportunity for each party's advisor to ask directly, orally, and in real time, relevant questions, and follow up questions, of the other party and any witnesses, including questions that support or challenge credibility;
- Opportunity for each party to raise contemporaneous objections to testimonial or non-testimonial evidence and to have such objections ruled on by the hearing panel and a reason for the ruling provided;
- Opportunity for each party to submit evidence that the party did not present during the investigation due to mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect;
- Opportunity for each party to make a brief closing argument.

Except as otherwise permitted by the hearing panel, the hearing will be closed to all persons except the parties, their advisors, the investigator, the hearing panel, the Title IX Coordinator, and other necessary

University personnel. With the exception of the investigator and the parties, witnesses will be sequestered until such time as their testimony is complete.

During the hearing, the parties and their advisors will have access to the investigation report and evidence that was transmitted to them pursuant to "Access to Evidence."

While a party has the right to attend and participate in the hearing with an advisor, a party and/or advisor who materially and repeatedly violates the rules of the hearing in such a way as to be materially disruptive, may be barred from further participation and/or have their participation limited, as the case may be, in the discretion of the hearing panel.

Subject to the minimum requirements specified in this Section ("Hearing"), the hearing panel will have sole discretion to determine the manner and particulars of any given hearing, including with respect to the length of the hearing, the order of the hearing, and questions of admissibility. The hearing panel will independently and contemporaneously screen questions for relevance in addition to resolving any contemporaneous objections raised by the parties and will explain the rationale for any evidentiary rulings.

The hearing is not a formal judicial proceeding and strict rules of evidence do not apply. The hearing panel will have discretion to modify the Hearing Procedures, when good cause exists to do so, and provided the minimal requirements specified in this Section ("Hearing") are met.

If the hearing panel determines that unresolved issues exist that would be clarified by the presentation of additional information, the hearing panel may suspend the review meeting and reconvene in a timely manner to receive such information.

#### (6) Subjection to Questioning

In the event that any party or witness refuses to attend the hearing, or attends but refuses to submit to questioning by the parties' advisors, the statements of that party or witness, as the case may be, whether given during the investigation or during the hearing, will not be considered by the hearing panel in reaching a determination of responsibility.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the hearing panel may consider the testimony of any party or witness, whether given during the investigation or during the hearing, if the parties jointly stipulate that the testimony may be considered or in the case where neither party requested attendance of the witness at the hearing.

In applying this Section ("Subjection to Questioning"), the hearing panel will not draw an inference about the determination regarding responsibility based solely on a party or a witness's absence from the live hearing and/or refusal to submit to questioning by the parties' advisors.

#### (7) Deliberation and Determination

After the hearing is complete, the hearing panel will objectively evaluate all relevant evidence collected during the investigation, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence, together with testimony and non-testimony evidence received at the hearing, and ensure that any credibility determinations made are not based on a person's status as a Complainant, Respondent, or witness. The hearing panel will take care to exclude from consideration any evidence that was ruled inadmissible at the pre-hearing conference, during the hearing, or by operation of "Subjection to Questioning." The hearing panel will resolve disputed facts using a preponderance of the evidence (that is, "more likely than not") standard and reach a determination regarding whether the facts that are supported by a preponderance of the evidence constitute one or more violations of the policy as alleged in the Formal Complaint.

## (8) Discipline and Remedies

In the event the hearing panel determines that the Respondent is responsible for violating this policy, the hearing panel will, prior to issuing a written decision, consult with an appropriate University official with disciplinary authority over the Respondent and such official will determine any discipline to be imposed. The hearing panel will also, prior to issuing a written decision, consult with the Title IX Coordinator who will determine whether and to what extent ongoing support measures or other remedies will be provided to the Complainant.

### ***Sanctions; Corrective Actions.***

The range of potential sanctions/corrective actions that may be imposed, among others, are as follows:

Student sanctions may include but are not limited to: written or verbal apology; sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking prevention education; verbal, written or final warning; no-contact order issued by the University; probation, suspension, and/or dismissal from the University.

Employee sanctions may include but are not limited to: verbal coaching; documented coaching; formal policy reminder; written warning; final written warning; termination of employment; administrative leave of absence; sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking prevention education; training; and/or no-contact order issued by the University. *Note: Employees are also subject to all Employee Handbook, department, and workplace policies, including but not limited to the Code of Business Conduct & Ethics.*

Guests and other third party sanctions may include but are not limited to: removal from the University property; referral to law enforcement; requirement to complete prevention education training prior to resuming a relationship with the University; and/or termination of contractual or other arrangements.

The University may also disclose to the complainant information about any sanctions or corrective actions taken that relate directly to the complainant (e.g., a “no contact” order). The University will maintain documentation of all hearings or other proceedings, which can take various forms (e.g., notes, written findings of fact, transcripts, or audio recordings, etc.). Under no circumstances will either party be required to abide by a nondisclosure agreement that would prevent disclosure of the outcome.

## (9) Written Decision

After reaching a determination and consulting with the appropriate University official and Title IX Coordinator as required by “Discipline and Remedies,” the hearing panel will prepare a written decision that will include:

- Identification of the allegations potentially constituting Sexual Harassment made in the Formal Complaint;
- A description of the procedural steps taken by the University upon receipt of the Formal Complaint, through issuance of the written decision, including notification to the parties, interviews with the parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather non-testimonial evidence, and the date, location, and people who were present at or presented testimony at the hearing.
- Articulate findings of fact, made under a preponderance of the evidence standard, that support the determination;
- A statement of, and rationale for, each allegation that constitutes a separate potential incident of Sexual Harassment, including a determination regarding responsibility for each separate potential incident;
- The discipline determined by the appropriate University official as referenced in “Discipline and Remedies”;

- Whether the Complainant will receive any ongoing support measures or other remedies as determined by the Title IX Coordinator; and
- A description of the University's process and grounds for appeal, as specified in "Appeal."

The hearing panel's written determination will be transmitted to the parties. Transmittal of the written determination to the parties concludes the hearing process, subject to any right of appeal as specified in "Appeal."

Although the length of each adjudication by hearing will vary depending on the totality of the circumstances, the University strives to issue the hearing panel's written determination within fourteen (14) days of the conclusion of the hearing.

(b) Administrative Adjudication (Optional)

In lieu of the hearing process, the parties may consent to have a Formal Complaint resolved by administrative adjudication as a form of informal resolution. Administrative adjudication is voluntary and must be consented to in writing by both parties and approved by the Title IX Coordinator as specified in "Adjudication Process Selection." At any time prior to the issuance of the administrative panel's determination, a party has the right to withdraw from administrative adjudication and request a live hearing as specified in "Hearing Process."

If administrative adjudication is selected, the Title IX Coordinator will appoint an administrative panel. The Title IX Coordinator will see that the administrative adjudicator is provided a copy of the investigation report and a copy of all the evidence transmitted to the parties by the investigator as specified in "Access to Evidence."

The administrative panel will promptly send written notice to the parties notifying the parties of the administrative panel's appointment; setting a deadline for the parties to submit any written response to the investigation report; and setting a date and time for each party to meet with the administrative panel separately. The administrative panel's meetings with the parties will not be held any earlier than ten (10) days from the date of transmittal of the written notice specified in this paragraph.

A party's written response to the investigation report must include:

- To the extent the party disagrees with the investigation report, any argument or commentary regarding such disagreement;
- Any argument that a particular piece or class of evidence should be categorically excluded from consideration at the hearing based on privilege, relevancy, the prohibition on the use of sexual history specified in "Sexual History," or for any other reason;
- Argument regarding whether any of the allegations in the Formal Complaint are supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
- Argument regarding whether any of the allegations in the Formal Complaint constitute Sexual Harassment.

After reviewing the parties' written responses, the administrative panel will meet separately with each party to provide the party with an opportunity make any oral argument or commentary the party wishes to make and for the administrative panel to ask questions concerning the party's written response, the investigative report, and/or the evidence collected during the investigation.

After meeting with each party, the administrative panel will objectively evaluate all relevant evidence, including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence and ensure that any credibility determinations made are not based on a person's status as a Complainant, Respondent, or witness. The administrative panel will take care to exclude from consideration any evidence that the administrative panel determines should

be ruled inadmissible based on the objections and arguments raised by the parties in their respective written responses to the investigation report. The administrative panel will resolve disputed facts using a preponderance of the evidence (that is, “more likely than not”) standard and reach a determination regarding whether the facts that are supported by a preponderance of the evidence constitute one or more violations of the policy as alleged in the Formal Complaint.

Thereafter, the administrative panel will consult with any University official and the Title IX Coordinator, in the manner specified in “Deliberation and Determination” and will prepare and transmit a written decision in the manner as specified in “Written Decision” which shall serve as a resolution for purposes of informal resolution.

Transmittal of the administrative panel’s written determination concludes the administrative adjudication, subject to any right of appeal as specified in “Appeal.”

Although the length of each administrative adjudication will vary depending on the totality of the circumstances, the University strives to issue the administrative panel’s written determination within twenty-one (21) days of the transmittal of the initiating written notice specified in this Section (“Administrative Adjudication”).

Other language in this Section (“Administrative Adjudication”) notwithstanding, informal resolution will not be permitted if the Respondent is a non-student employee accused of committing Sexual Harassment against a student

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**13. DISMISSAL DURING INVESTIGATION OR ADJUDICATION**

The University shall dismiss a Formal Complaint at any point during the investigation or adjudication process if the Title IX Coordinator determines that one or more of the following is true:

- The conduct alleged in the Formal Complaint would not constitute Sexual Harassment, even if proved; or
- The conduct alleged in the Formal Complaint falls outside the scope of the policy specified in “Scope” (that is, because the alleged conduct did not occur in the University’s Education Programs or Activities and/or the alleged conduct occurred outside the geographic boundaries of the United States).

The University may dismiss a Formal Complaint at any point during the investigation or adjudication process if the Title IX Coordinator determines that any one or more of the following is true:

- The Complainant provides the Title IX Coordinator written notice that the Complainant wishes to withdraw the Formal Complaint or any discrete allegations therein (in which case those discrete allegations may be dismissed);
- The Respondent is no longer enrolled or employed by the University, as the case may be; or
- Specific circumstances prevent the University from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the Formal Complaint, or any discrete allegations therein (in which case those discrete allegations may be dismissed).

In the event the Title IX Coordinator dismisses a Formal Complaint pursuant to this Section, the Title IX Coordinator will provide written notice of dismissal to the parties and advise them of their right to appeal

as specified in "Appeal." The Title IX Coordinator may refer the subject matter of the Formal Complaint to other University offices, as appropriate. A dismissal pursuant to this Section is presumptively a final determination as it pertains to this policy, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Title IX Coordinator in the written notice of dismissal.

## **14. APPEAL**

Either party may appeal the determination of an adjudication, or a dismissal of a Formal Complaint, on one or more of the following grounds:

- A procedural irregularity affected the outcome;
- There is new evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the determination or dismissal was made, that could have affected the outcome;
- The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, hearing officer, or administrative officer, as the case may be, had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally, or against the individual Complainant or Respondent, that affected the outcome.

No other grounds for appeal are permitted.

A party must file an appeal within seven (7) days of the date they receive notice of dismissal or determination appealed from or, if the other party appeals, within three (3) days of the other party appealing, whichever is later. The appeal must be submitted in writing to the appeals officer, who is identified and serves as the appeal officer for the formal case. The appeal must specifically identify the determination and/or dismissal appealed from, articulate which one or more of the three grounds for appeal are being asserted, explain in detail why the appealing party believes the appeal should be granted, and articulate what specific relief the appealing party seeks.

Promptly upon receipt of an appeal, the appeal officer will conduct an initial evaluation to confirm that the appeal is timely filed and that it invokes at least one of the permitted grounds for appeal. If the appeal officer determines that the appeal is not timely, or that it fails to invoke a permitted ground for appeal, the appeal officer will dismiss the appeal and provide written notice of the same to the parties.

If the appeal officer confirms that the appeal is timely and invokes at least one permitted ground for appeal, the appeal officer will provide written notice to the other party that an appeal has been filed and that the other party may submit a written opposition to the appeal within seven (7) days. The appeal officer shall also promptly obtain from the Title IX Coordinator any records from the investigation and adjudication necessary to resolve the grounds raised in the appeal.

Upon receipt of any opposition, or after the time period for submission of an opposition has passed without one being filed, the appeal officer will promptly decide the appeal and transmit a written decision to the parties that explains the outcome of the appeal and the rationale.

The determination of a Formal Complaint, including any discipline, becomes final when the time for appeal has passed with no party filing an appeal or, if any appeal is filed, at the point when the appeal officer has resolved all appeals, either by dismissal or by transmittal of a written decision.

No further review beyond the appeal is permitted.

Although the length of each appeal will vary depending on the totality of the circumstances, the University strives to issue the appeal officer's written decision within (21) days of an appeal being filed.

## **15. ADVISOR OF CHOICE**

From the point a Formal Complaint is made, and until an investigation, adjudication, and appeal are complete, the Complainant and Respondent will have the right to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice to all meetings, interviews, and hearings that are part of the investigation, adjudication, and appeal process. The advisor may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.

Except for the questioning of witnesses during the hearing specified in "Hearing," the advisor will play a passive role and is not permitted to communicate on behalf of a party, insist that communication flow through the advisor, or communicate with the University about the matter without the party being included in the communication. In the event a party's advisor of choice engages in a material violation of the parameters specified in this Section and "Hearing," the University may preclude the advisor from further participation, in which case the party may select a new advisor of their choice.

In the event a party is not able to secure an advisor to attend the hearing specified in "Hearing," and requests the University to provide an advisor, the University will provide the party an advisor, without fee or charge, who will conduct questioning on behalf of the party at the hearing. The University will have sole discretion to select the advisor it provides. The advisor the University provides may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.

The University is not required to provide a party with an advisor in any circumstance except where the party does not have an advisor present at the hearing specified in "Hearing," and requests that the University provide an advisor.

## **16. TREATMENT RECORDS AND OTHER PRIVILEGED INFORMATION**

During the investigation and adjudication processes, the investigator and adjudicator, as the case may be, are not permitted to access, consider, disclose, permit questioning concerning, or otherwise use:

- A party's records that are made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in the professional or paraprofessional's capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are made and maintained in connection with the provision of treatment to the party; or
- Information or records protected from disclosure by any other legally-recognized privilege, such as the attorney client privilege; unless the University has obtained the party's voluntary, written consent to do so for the purposes of the investigation and adjudication process.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the investigator and/or adjudicator, as the case may be, may consider any such records or information otherwise covered by this Section if the party holding the privilege affirmatively discloses the records or information to support their allegation or defense, as the case may be.

## **17. SEXUAL HISTORY**

During the investigation and adjudication processes, questioning regarding a Complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, unless such questions and evidence about the Complainant's prior sexual behavior are offered to prove that someone other than the Respondent committed the conduct alleged, or if the questions and evidence concern specific incidents of the Complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the Respondent and are offered to prove consent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Complainant who affirmatively uses information otherwise considered irrelevant by this Section for the purpose of supporting the Complainant's allegations, may be deemed to have waived the protections of this Section.



## 18. INFORMAL RESOLUTION PROCESS

At any time after the parties are provided written notice of the Formal Complaint as specified in "Notice of Formal Complaint," and before the completion of any appeal specified in "Appeal," the parties may voluntarily consent, with the Title IX Coordinator's approval, to engage in mediation, facilitated resolution, or other form of dispute resolution, the goal of which is to enter into a final resolution resolving the allegations raised in the Formal Complaint by agreement of the parties. Administrative Adjudication as specified in "Administrative Adjudication" is a form of informal resolution.

The specific manner of any informal resolution process will be determined by the parties and the Title IX Coordinator, in consultation together. Prior to commencing the informal resolution process agreed upon, the Title IX Coordinator will transmit a written notice to the parties that:

- Describes the parameters and requirements of the informal resolution process to be utilized;
- Identifies the individual responsible for facilitating the informal resolution (who may be the Title IX Coordinator, another University official, or a suitable third-party);
- Explains the effect of participating in informal resolution and/or reaching a final resolution will have on a party's ability to resume the investigation and adjudication of the allegations at issue in the Formal Complaint; and
- Explains any other consequence resulting from participation in the informal resolution process, including a description of records that will be generated, maintained, and/or shared.

After receiving the written notice specified in this paragraph, each party must voluntarily provide written consent to the Title IX Coordinator, before the informal resolution may commence.

During the pendency of the informal resolution process, the investigation and adjudication processes that would otherwise occur are stayed and all related deadlines are suspended.

If the parties reach a resolution through the informal resolution process, and the Title IX Coordinator agrees that the resolution is not clearly unreasonable, the Title IX Coordinator will reduce the terms of the agreed resolution to writing and present the resolution to the parties for their written signature. Once both parties and the Title IX Coordinator sign the resolution, the resolution is final, and the allegations addressed by the resolution are considered resolved and will not be subject to further investigation, adjudication, remediation, or discipline by the University, except as otherwise provided in the resolution itself, absent a showing that a party induced the resolution by fraud, misrepresentation, or other misconduct or where required to avoid a manifest injustice to either party or to the University. Notwithstanding the forgoing, if the form of informal resolution is Administrative Adjudication as specified in "Administrative Adjudication," there shall not be an agreed resolution requiring the parties' signatures; instead, the determination issued by the administrative officer shall serve as the resolution and conclude the informal resolution process, subject only to any right of appeal. With the exception of a resolution resulting from the Administrative Adjudication process specified in "Administrative Adjudication," all other forms of informal resolution pursuant to this Section are not subject to appeal.

A party may withdraw their consent to participate in informal resolution at any time before a resolution has been finalized.

Absent extension by the Title IX Coordinator, any informal resolution process must be completed within twenty-one (21) days. If an informal resolution process does not result in a resolution within twenty-one (21) days, and absent an extension, abeyance, or other contrary ruling by the Title IX Coordinator, the informal resolution process will be deemed terminated, and the Formal Complaint will be resolved pursuant to the investigation and adjudication procedures. The Title IX Coordinator may adjust any time periods or deadlines in the investigation and/or adjudication process that were suspended due to the informal resolution.

Other language in this Section notwithstanding, informal resolution will not be permitted if the Respondent is a non-student employee accused of committing Sexual Harassment against a student.

## **19. PRESUMPTION OF NON-RESPONSIBILITY**

From the time a report or Formal Complaint is made, a Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged misconduct until a determination regarding responsibility is final.

## **20. RESOURCES**

Any individual affected by or accused of Sexual Harassment will have equal access to support and counseling services identified by the University. The University encourages any individual who has questions or concerns to seek support of University identified resources. The Title IX Coordinator is available to provide information about the University's policy and procedure and to provide assistance. A list of University identified resources is located in the Resources section at the end of this document

## **21. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, BIAS, AND PROCEDURAL COMPLAINTS**

The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, hearing panel, administrative officer, appeals officer, and informal resolution facilitator will be free of any material conflicts of interest or material bias. Any party who believes one or more of these University officials has a material conflict of interest or material bias must raise the concern promptly so that the University may evaluate the concern and find a substitute, if appropriate. The failure of a party to timely raise a concern of a conflict of interest or bias may result in a waiver of the issue for purposes of any appeal specified in "Appeal," or otherwise.

## **22. OBJECTIONS GENERALLY**

Parties are expected to raise any objections, concerns, or complaints about the investigation, adjudication, and appeals process in a prompt and timely manner so that the University may evaluate the matter and address it, if appropriate.

## **23. RELATIONSHIP WITH CRIMINAL PROCESS**

This policy sets forth the University's processes for responding to reports and Formal Complaints of Sexual Harassment. The University's processes are separate, distinct, and independent of any criminal processes. While the University may temporarily delay its processes under this policy to avoid interfering with law enforcement efforts if requested by law enforcement, the University will otherwise apply this policy and its processes without regard to the status or outcome of any criminal process.

## **24. RECORDINGS**

Wherever this policy specifies that an audio or video recording will be made, the recording will be made only by the University and is considered property of the University, subject to any right of access that a party may have under this policy, FERPA, and other applicable federal, state, or local laws. Only the University is permitted to make audio or video recordings under this policy. The surreptitious recording of any meeting, interview, hearing, or other interaction contemplated under this policy is strictly prohibited. Any party who wishes to transcribe a hearing by use of a transcriptionist must seek pre-approval from the hearing panel.

## **25. VENDORS, CONTRACTORS AND THIRD PARTIES**

The University does business with various vendors, contractors, and other third-parties who are not students or employees of the University. Notwithstanding any rights that a given vendor, contractor, or third-party Respondent may have under this policy, the University retains its right to limit any vendor,

contractor, or third-party's access to campus for any reason. And the University retains all rights it enjoys by contract or law to terminate its relationship with any vendor, contractor, or third-party irrespective of any process or outcome under this policy.

## **26. BAD FAITH COMPLAINTS AND FALSE INFORMATION**

It is a violation of this policy for any person to submit a report or Formal Complaint that the person knows, at the time the report or Formal Complaint is submitted, to be false or frivolous. It is also a violation of this policy for any person to knowingly make a materially false statement during the course of an investigation, adjudication, or appeal under this policy. Violations of this Section are not subject to the investigation and adjudication processes in this policy; instead, they will be addressed under the Student Code of Conduct in the case of students and other University policies and standards, as applicable, for other persons.

## **27. RETALIATION**

It is a violation of this policy to engage in Retaliation. Reports and Formal Complaints of retaliation may be made in the manner specified in "Reporting Sexual Harassment," and "Formal Complaint." Any report or Formal Complaint of Retaliation will be processed under this policy in the same manner as a report or Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment, as the case may be. The University retains discretion to consolidate a Formal Complaint of Retaliation with a Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment for investigation and/or adjudication purposes if the two Formal Complaints share a common nexus.

## **28. CONFIDENTIALITY**

The University will keep confidential the identity of any individual who has made a report or Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment or Retaliation including any Complainant, the identity of any individual who has been reported to be a perpetrator of Sexual Harassment or Retaliation including any Respondent, and the identity of any witness. The University will also maintain the confidentiality of its various records generated in response to reports and Formal Complaints, including, but not limited to, information concerning Supportive Measures, notices, investigation materials, adjudication records, and appeal records. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the University may reveal the identity of any person or the contents of any record if permitted by FERPA, if necessary to carry out the University's obligations under Title IX and its implementing regulations including the conduct of any investigation, adjudication, or appeal under this policy or any subsequent judicial proceeding, or as otherwise required by law. Further, notwithstanding the University's general obligation to maintain confidentiality as specified herein, the parties to a report or Formal Complaint will be given access to investigation and adjudication materials in the circumstances specified in this policy.

In order to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99), and to provide an orderly process for the presentation and consideration of relevant information without undue intimidation or pressure, the process is not open to the general public. Accordingly, AIUS will not disclose documents prepared in anticipation of the meeting, documents, testimony, or other information provided to the Hearing panel for review, and any transcript of the meeting itself may not be disclosed outside of the proceedings, except as may be required or authorized by law and/or AIUS policy.

While the University will maintain confidentiality specified in this Section, the University will not limit the ability of the parties to discuss the allegations at issue in a particular case. Parties are advised, however, that the manner in which they communicate about, or discuss a particular case, may constitute Sexual Harassment or Retaliation in certain circumstances and be subject to discipline pursuant to the processes specified in this policy.

Note that certain types of Sexual Harassment are considered crimes for which the University must disclose crime statistics in its Annual Security Report that is provided to the campus community and available to the public. These disclosures will be made without including personally identifying information.

## **29. OTHER VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY**

Alleged violations of this policy, other than violations of the prohibitions on Sexual Harassment and Retaliation, will be subject to review under the Student Code of Conduct for students, the Employee Conduct Policy, or other University policies and standards for employees.

## **30. SIGNATURES AND FORM OF CONSENT**

For purposes of this policy, either a physical signature or digital signature will be sufficient to satisfy any obligation that a document be signed. Where this policy provides that written consent must be provided, consent in either physical or electronic form, containing a physical or digital signature, as the case may be, will suffice.

## **31. DEADLINES, TIME, NOTICES, AND METHOD OF TRANSMITTAL**

Where this policy specifies a period of days by which some act must be performed, the following method of calculation applies:

- Exclude the day of the event that triggers the period;
- Count every day, including intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays recognized by the federal government;
- Include the last day of the period until 5:00 p.m. central time, but if the last day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday recognized by the federal government, the period continues to run until 5:00 p.m. central time on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday recognized by the federal government.

All deadlines and other time periods specified in this policy are subject to modification by the University where, in the University's sole discretion, good cause exists. Good cause may include, but is not limited to, the unavailability of parties or witnesses; the complexities of a given case; extended holidays or closures; sickness of the investigator, adjudicator, or the parties; the need to consult with the University's legal counsel; unforeseen weather events; and the like.

Any party who wishes to seek an extension of any deadline or other time period may do so by filing a request with the investigator, hearing panel, administrative officer, appeal officer, or Title IX Coordinator, as the case may be, depending on the phase of the process. Such request must state the extension sought and explain what good cause exists for the requested extension. The University officer resolving the request for extension may, but is not required to, give the other party an opportunity to object. Whether to grant such a requested extension will be in the sole discretion of the University.

The parties will be provided written notice of the modification of any deadline or time period specified in this policy, along with the reasons for the modification.

Where this policy refers to notice being given to parties "simultaneously," notice will be deemed simultaneous if it is provided in relative proximity on the same day. It is not necessary that notice be provided at exactly the same hour and minute.

Unless otherwise specified in this policy, the default method of transmission for all notices, reports, responses, and other forms of communication specified in this policy will be email using University email addresses.

A party is deemed to have received notice upon transmittal of an email to their University email address. In the event notice is provided by mail, a party will be deemed to have received notice three (3) days after the notice in question is postmarked.

Any notice inviting or requiring a party or witness to attend a meeting, interview, or hearing will be provided with sufficient time for the party to prepare for the meeting, interview, or hearing as the case may be, and will include relevant details such as the date, time, location, purpose, and participants. Unless a specific number of days is specified elsewhere in this policy, the sufficient time to be provided will be determined in the sole discretion of the University, considering all the facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, the nature of the meeting, interview, or hearing; the nature and complexity of the allegations at issue; the schedules of relevant University officials; approaching holidays or closures; and the number and length of extensions already granted.

### **32. OTHER FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION**

This policy applies only to Sexual Harassment. Complaints of other forms of sex discrimination are governed by the University's Non-Discrimination Policy and/or the Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment Policy 702.

#### ***Fabricated Allegations***

Any allegations suspected to be fabricated for the purpose of harassing a party or disrupting the University's operations are subject to these investigation and grievance procedures and could result in action, up to and including dismissal for students and termination of employment for employees.

### **33. OUTSIDE APPOINTMENTS, DUAL APPOINTMENTS, AND DELEGATIONS**

The University retains discretion to retain and appoint suitably qualified persons who are not University employees to fulfill any function of the University under this policy, including, but not limited to, the investigator, hearing panel, administrative panel, informal resolution panel, and/or appeals panel.

The University also retains discretion to appoint two or more persons to jointly fulfill the role of investigator, hearing panel, administrative panel, informal resolution panel, and/or appeals panel.

The functions assigned to a given University official under this policy, including but not limited to the functions assigned to the Title IX Coordinator, investigator, hearing panel, administrative panel, informal resolution panel, and appeals panel, may, in the University's discretion, be delegated by such University official to any suitably qualified individual and such delegation may be recalled by the University at any time.

### **34. TRAINING**

The University will ensure that University officials acting under this policy, including but not limited to the Title IX Coordinator, investigators, hearing panels, administrative panels, informal resolution facilitators, University provided advisors, and appeals panels receive training in compliance with 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(1)(iii) and any other applicable federal or state law.

## **35. RECORDKEEPING**

The University will retain those records specified in 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(10) for a period of seven years after which point in time they may be destroyed, or continue to be retained, in the University's sole discretion. The records specified in 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(10) will be made available for inspection, and/or published, to the extent required by 34 C.F.R. § 106.45(b)(10) and consistent with any other applicable federal or state law, including FERPA.

## **36. DEFINITIONS**

Words used in this policy will have those meanings defined herein and if not defined herein will be construed according to their plain and ordinary meaning.

## **37. DISCRETION IN APPLICATION**

The University retains discretion to interpret and apply this policy in a manner that is not clearly unreasonable, even if the University's interpretation or application differs from the interpretation of the parties.

Despite the University's reasonable efforts to anticipate all eventualities in drafting this policy, it is possible unanticipated or extraordinary circumstances may not be specifically or reasonably addressed by the express policy language, in which case the University retains discretion to respond to the unanticipated or extraordinary circumstance in a way that is not clearly unreasonable.

The provisions of this policy and the Hearing Procedures referenced in "Hearing " are not contractual in nature, whether in their own right, or as part of any other express or implied contract. Accordingly, the University retains discretion to revise this policy and the Hearing Procedures at any time, and for any reason. The University may apply policy revisions to an active case provided that doing so is not clearly unreasonable.

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## **POLICY UPDATE HISTORY**

8/14/2020	Original Policy
11/5/2020	System name update
7/12/2021	Title IX Coordinator update
9/1/2022	Removed Martingale address; updated AIU references to AIU System

## UNIVERSITY CONTACT INFORMATION

**REMEMBER TO CALL 911 FIRST IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY**

### Title IX Coordinator

#### Primary Campus Security Authority

Brandie Riegler – BRiegler@aiuniv.edu

2200 East Germann Road, Chandler, AZ 85286

Phone: 847-851-5275

*Contact this individual for assistance with options related to academic, living, transportation and working situations as well as protective measures.*

## EXTERNAL RESOURCES

### National Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN): <https://www.rainn.org>

US Dept. of Justice Office on Violence Against Women: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw>

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: <http://www.ncadv.org/>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center: <http://www.nsvrc.org/>

### Local Resources

<b>CHANDLER, ARIZONA</b>	
<b>Local Police</b>	Chandler Police Department 250 East Chicago Street Chandler, AZ 85225 (480) 782-4130
<b>Hospital</b>	Chandler Regional Medical Center 1955 West Frye Road Chandler, AZ 85224 (480) 728-3000  Dignity Health Arizona General Hospital 1064 East Ray Road Chandler, AZ 85
<b>Legal Assistance</b>	<a href="#">The Arizona Legal Center</a> <a href="#">Arizona Law Help</a> <a href="#">Community Legal Services, Inc.</a>
<b>Victim Support</b>	<a href="#">Chandler Police Department Victim Support Unit</a> <a href="#">Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence</a> <a href="#">A.S.K. Arizona</a>
<b>Restraining Orders</b>	Process to request a restraining order: <a href="#">Click here</a> Forms to request a restraining order: <a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Visa and Immigration Assistance</b>	<a href="#">Immigration Advocates Network</a>

<b>ATLANTA, GEORGIA</b>	
<b>Local Police</b>	Sandy Springs Police Department 7840 Roswell Road, Suite 301 Sandy Springs, GA 30350 770-551-6500
<b>Hospital</b>	Northside Hospital 1000 Jonson Ferry Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30342 404-851-8000  Emory Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta 5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Road Atlanta, GA 30342 678-843-7001
<b>Legal Assistance</b>	<a href="#">Atlanta Legal Aid Society</a> <a href="#">Georgia Legal Aid</a> <a href="#">Georgia Legal Services Program</a>
<b>Victim Support</b>	Rape: To find nearest rape crisis center near you in Georgia, call 1-800-656-HOPE Sexual Assault: <a href="#">Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault</a>
<b>Restraining Orders</b>	Process to request a restraining order: <a href="#">Click here</a> Forms to request a restraining order: <a href="#">Click here</a>
<b>Visa and Immigration Assistance</b>	<a href="#">Immigration Advocates Network</a>

<b>HOUSTON, TEXAS</b>	
<b>Local Police</b>	Houston Police Department Westside Division Districts 19 & 20 281-584-4700
<b>Hospital</b>	West Houston Medical Center 12141 Richmond Avenue Houston, TX 77082 281-558-3444
<b>Legal Assistance</b>	<a href="#">Houston Legal Aid Center</a> <a href="#">Houston Volunteer Lawyers</a> <a href="#">Lone Star Legal Aid</a>
<b>Victim Support</b>	Houston Police Department Victim Services Unit: 713-308-0080 Office of Attorney General Sexual Assault Prevention & Crisis Services 800-983-9933 Texas Association Against Sexual Assault: 512-474-7190
<b>Restraining Orders</b>	Process to request a restraining order: <a href="#">Click here</a> Forms to request a restraining order: <a href="#">Click here</a>
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