

# CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE



## 2025 ANNUAL SECURITY REPORT

JEANNE CLERY CAMPUS SAFETY ACT  
(20 U.S.C. § 1092(F))

Clery Crime Statistics 2022-2024

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## Message from President Erika D. Beck



Welcome to the 2025 Annual Security Report (ASR) for California State University, Northridge (CSUN) for the years 2022–2024. This report is prepared pursuant to the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act.

CSUN is committed to the safety and security of all members of our campus community. In partnership with campus public safety personnel, a well-informed and alert community is critical. Campus safety is a shared responsibility and I thank each of you for collectively working to maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone, particularly our students who live on campus, attend classes and engage in activities that are all part of a rich and vibrant college experience. Let's continue our work in looking out for one another, reducing opportunities for crime and immediately reporting suspicious or criminal activity to Police Services.

The enclosed report has been compiled by CSUN's Clery Compliance Team in compliance with the following federal laws:

- the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act;
- the 2008 Revision to the Higher Education Opportunity Act;
- California Education Code section 67380, which informs members of the community of institutional policies concerning campus security (including University Police law enforcement authority, crime reporting policies, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, sexual assault and other matters of related importance);
- the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA), which amends the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, commonly known as the Clery Act, under the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act provision (i.e., Campus SaVE Act).

This report contains statistics from the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus; in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by CSUN or any of its recognized student organizations; and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the CSUN campus. Crime statistics are gathered from crimes reported to the university police department personnel, campus security authorities, and law enforcement agencies who provide public safety services to non-campus properties. Methods in which reports are received include the university police on-line reporting system, WE TIP anonymous reporting hotline, in-person police reports and electronic or hardcopy forwarding of reported information. This report is available to the CSUN community both online at <http://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/clery-report.pdf> and in person. Interested parties can request a hard copy of the report via: (a) in person at the CSUN Department of Police Services office at the corner

of Darby Ave. and Prairie St.; (b) by phone—dial 818-677-5343 to reach Records Unit; or (c) by email to [erika.breazile@csun.edu](mailto:erika.breazile@csun.edu).

### Preparing the Annual Security Report

The Clery Director within the Office of the Vice President Administration and Finance with the cross-departmental Clery Compliance Team (CCT) prepares this report to comply with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act. Individuals within the CCT include a Student Conduct Administrator, the Title IX Coordinator, the Chief of Police, the Chief Human Resources Officer, the Director of Housing and/or Residential Life, the Greek Life Director, the Athletic Director, the Dean of Students or Vice President of Student Affairs, the Public Information Officer, the Director for International Programs, and Campus Counsel. The CCT will assist the Clery Director in the collection of information and required crime statistics, assist in developing, writing, reviewing and ensuring the accuracy of the ASR and campus policies required to be included in the ASR, assist in the proper identification of relevant Clery Geography, assist in programming, developing, and providing training and outreach efforts on the Campus for compliance, and assist in overall compliance with the Clery Act and state student safety laws. Members of the CCT meet quarterly, or more frequently if needed.

In addition, the Clery Director has working relationships with other campus departments and Campus Security Authorities (CSA) for the collection of additional reports and statistics for the ASR. CSAs must promptly report allegations of Clery crimes that occur within the Campus' Clery Geography that are reported to them. A report may be a written or verbal disclosure made by any person to the CSA, including information shared with the CSA by witnesses or other third parties. CSA reports must include the following, if known:

- A. The crime that was reported and the information provided
- B. The exact location where the reported crime occurred
- C. The date and time the reported crime occurred
- D. Any witness and perpetrator information
- E. Victim information, if the victim consents to being identified after being informed of the right to have their personally identifying information withheld. Employees may be required to share this information with other offices if they have responsibilities under other laws and policies including, but not limited to, Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Interim CSU Nondiscrimination Policy.

Crime statistics are compiled by the Department of Police Services (DPS) at CSUN. DPS collaborates with local and state law enforcement agencies to facilitate Clery statistical reporting for public property areas identified as non-campus properties, where DPS is not responsible for patrol or primary law enforcement. Per the regulations of the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, a letter requesting the previous year's crime statistics is sent to each law enforcement agency that patrols any on campus, non-campus, and public properties in that agency patrol jurisdiction. The letter requests all required statistical crime reports based on specific locations within the agency's jurisdiction for the current reporting period. After receiving these statistical data from the agencies, the information is reviewed, and relevant crime reports are counted and included in the Clery Crime Statistics chart as appropriate.

*Clery Crime Statistics 2022 to 2024*  
*Murder/NonNegligent Manslaughter*

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0

*Negligent Manslaughter*

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0

*Rape*

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	5	5	1	0
2023	3	3	0	0
2024	7	8	0	0

*Fondling*

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	1	1	0	0
2023	0	3	0	0
2024	8	16	0	0

*Incest*

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0

Statutory Rape

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0

Robbery

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	2	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	1	0

Aggravated Assault

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	3	0	0
2023	0	0	1	0
2024	1	3	2	2

Burglary

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	3	0	0
2023	1	6	0	0
2024	1	4	0	0

Motor Vehicle Theft

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	9	0	0
2023	0	8	0	2
2024	1	91	0	3

\*2024 is the first year that the theft of electric- bicycles, scooters, and skateboards have been classified as motor vehicle thefts. There were thirteen (13) vehicles, sixty-eight (68) electric scooters, nine (9) electric bicycles, and one (1) electric skateboard stolen.

Arson

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	1	0	0
2023	2	5	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0

Domestic Violence

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	2	4	0	0
2023	11	14	0	0
2024	12	12	0	0

Dating Violence

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0

*\*All incidents of Dating Violence are included under Domestic Violence incidents in accordance with California Domestic Violence law that includes person in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.*

Stalking

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	1	0	0
2023	0	3	0	0
2024	0	2	0	0

Arrests for Weapons Law Violations

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	2	0	0
2023	0	2	0	0
2024	0	1	0	3

Arrests for Drug Law Violations

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	12	0	0
2023	0	12	0	0
2024	0	17	0	3

Arrests for Liquor Law Violations

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	1	3	0	0

Referrals to Disciplinary Action for Weapons Law Violations

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	1	1	0	0

Referrals to Disciplinary Action for Drug Law Violations

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	4	4	0	0
2023	3	3	0	0
2024	1	1	0	0

Referrals to Disciplinary Action for Liquor Law Violations

Year	Campus Residential	Campus Total	Noncampus	Public Property
2022	8	8	0	0
2023	11	11	0	0
2024	17	18	0	0

### Unfounded Crimes

2022 - There were two unfounded crimes.

2023 - There were no unfounded crimes

2024 - There were no unfounded crimes.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 668.46(c)(2)(iii), a reported crime where sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel have fully investigated the reported crime and, based on the results of this full investigation and evidence, have made a formal determination that the crime report is false or baseless and therefore "unfounded." Only sworn or commissioned law enforcement personnel may "unfound" a crime report for purposes of reporting under this section. The recovery of stolen property, the low value of stolen property, the refusal of the victim to cooperate with the prosecution, and the failure to make an arrest do not "unfound" a crime report.

### Hate Crimes

2022 - There was one (1) crime of use of tear gas and violation of civil rights by force or threat of

force intimidation reported on the CSUN campus that indicated bias based on ethnicity.  
2023 - There were no reported hate crimes.  
2024 - There were no reported hate crimes.

A Hate Crime is a criminal offense that manifests evidence that the victim was intentionally selected because of the perpetrator's bias against the victim. Hate crimes includes any offense in the following group: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, sexual assault including rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, larceny-theft, simple assault, intimidation, destruction/damage/vandalism of property.

Bias is a preformed negative opinion or attitude toward a group of persons based on their race, gender, gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or national origin.

Hate crime reporting is considered for all Clery geography including on campus, residential facilities, noncampus buildings or property, and public property.

### **Procedures for Students and Others to Report Criminal Actions or Other Emergencies on Campus**

Criminal actions and other emergencies occurring on campus should be reported immediately to the Department of Police Services by calling (818) 677-2111 or dialing 911 from campus or cellular phone. Other reporting methods include "blue light" emergency telephones, yellow TTY enabled emergency call boxes, visiting the Department of Police Services facility located at the corner of Prairie and Darby; or by contacting a police officer on patrol. A confidential "We Tip" line is also available at (818) 677-TIPS (8477). Crimes should be reported to the CSUN Department of Police Services for the purpose of making timely warning reports to the community and for disclosure in the annual crime statistics as stated in the [Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act Policy](#).

The Department will respond by taking the following action(s) as necessary:

- Dispatch a police officer(s) and/or the Los Angeles City Fire Department to the scene of the reported incident.
- Investigate the incident.
- Take appropriate action(s) to identify, apprehend, and prosecute the person(s) responsible.
- Notify or request the assistance of other law enforcement and/or other agencies and university resources when necessary.
- Take action(s) and/or make appropriate notifications.

### **Crime Log:**

The department maintains a publicly available "Daily Crime Log" (<https://www.csun.edu/police/daily-crime-log>) which is available on the Department of Police Services website at: <https://www.csun.edu/police/>.

## Voluntary and Confidential Reporting

For certain sex offenses<sup>1</sup>, the victim has the right to affirmatively request from University Police, after being informed of their options, that the victim's identity remain confidential. However, even if the victim requests confidentiality of identity, the University Police should specifically ask the victim if the victim's name can be provided to the Title IX Office so that the Title IX Coordinator can contact the victim to discuss supportive measures that can be offered. And in all cases, even when the victim requests confidentiality, the identity of the alleged perpetrator (if known) must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.

Any victim of these crimes may request their name remain confidential in the police report narrative. These reports will be included in the university's annual disclosure of crime statistics.

### CSUN

CSUN community members have access to confidential resources through the University Counseling Center (students only), Campus Care Advocates, Klotz Student Health Center (students only), and LifeMatters@CSUN (Employee Assistance Program). These resources share various reporting options with their clients, including providing options for anonymous reporting of potential Clery incidents.

### CSUN Department of Police Services

The Department of Police Services shares a Clery Incident Reporting form with on-campus confidential supportive services (available to the broader community). The form can be found here: <https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/clery-incident-report-form.pdf>. This form can be used by confidential supportive personnel to capture anonymized Clery incidents for inclusion in the Annual Security Report and for consideration in university response and prevention efforts.

The Department of Police Services also provides anonymous crime reporting on their website: <https://www.csun.edu/police/reporting>.

The Department of Police Services and its members intend to be responsive to, and protect the constitutional rights of, the community.<sup>2</sup> CSUN provides anonymously crime reporting as indicated below and on their website: <https://www.csun.edu/police/reporting>

### *Submit a Crime Tip (We-Tip Hotline)*

If you have been the victim of a crime, or observed a crime, it's very important to report the incident. Sometimes it's not easy to decide to come forward. But if no one reports a crime, it's as if it never happened and the criminal is free to commit more crime, damaging more communities and individuals' lives. It's also important to report crime for practical reason such as getting a police report number so that you can make an insurance claim.

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<sup>1</sup> 1 See Penal Code Sections 220, 261, 261.5, 262, 264, 264.1, 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266e, 266f, 266j, 267, 269, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.2, 288.3, 288.4, 288.5, 288.7, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, 646.9, or 647.6.

<sup>2</sup> CSU/CSUN – Department of Police Services, Law Enforcement Role, Constitutional and Statutory Authority, Area of Jurisdiction, and Off-Campus Response, policy/procedure number: 02-O.A.-001, Effective Date: March 21, 2022, Review Date: March 21, 2023.

You may also report crimes or incidents "**anonymously**" by calling "**We Tip**" **Hotline: (818)-677-TIPS (8477)**. The We Tip hotline is not staffed by police personnel and is designed as a hotline to leave messages (tips) that might provide a lead to pursue an investigation. Do not use this number to report a crime in-progress. Please help in making CSUN an even safer community by reporting criminal activity.

### **Campus Security Authorities (CSA)**

In the **Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act policy**<sup>3</sup> there is a section describing the roles of Campus Security Authorities (CSA) including the confidentiality for the victim.

California State University encourages accurate and prompt reporting of crime. All members of the Campus community are encouraged to promptly contact the UPD and/or other appropriate police agencies when they have been the victim of, or have witnessed criminal actions, including when the victim of crime elects to or is unable to make such a report. Campus Security Authorities as defined by the Clery Act and identified by the Clery Director have specific obligations under the Act, which are described below.

### **CSAs' Roles and Responsibilities**

CSAs must promptly report allegations of Clery crimes that occur within a Campus' Clery Geography that are reported to them. A report may be a written or verbal disclosure made by any person to the CSA, including information shared with the CSA by witnesses or other third parties. CSA reports must include the following, if known:

- A. The crime that was reported and the information provided
- B. The exact location where the reported crime occurred
- C. The date and time the reported crime occurred
- D. Any witness and perpetrator information
- E. Victim information, if the victim consents to being identified after being informed of the right to have their personally identifying information withheld. Employees may be required to share this information with other offices if they have responsibilities under other laws and policies including, but not limited to, Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect, and the Interim CSU Nondiscrimination Policy.

In the event the victim does request confidentiality, enough information must be obtained and provided by the CSA about the criminal incident to prevent over-reporting or "double-counting" of the incident. The campus is required by law to disclose reports of some crimes (including dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault/sexual misconduct and stalking) including through the daily crime log, the Annual Security Report, and Timely Warning Notices as explained in greater detail below. However, while the University will include reportable incidents in these disclosures, the victim's name/identity will not be included in publicly-available records or reports.

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<sup>3</sup> CSU - Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act (the "Clery Act"), PolicyStat ID 18545388 EO 1107, Reviewed 7/16/2025, Next Review 7/16/2026.

## Crime of Violence Disclosures

The institution will, upon written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the institution against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such a crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such a victim shall be treated as the alleged victim.

## California Education Code section 67380(a)(6)(A)

Pursuant to California Education Code section 67380(a)(6)(A), Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) who receive reports from employees or students of a Part I violent crime, sexual assault or hate crime that occurred in an on or noncampus location as defined by the Clery Act, may not disclose to UPD or local law enforcement agencies the names of the victims or the alleged assailant, unless the victim consents to disclosing their name after being informed of their right to have their personally identifying information withheld. The name of the alleged assailant may be disclosed, however, if all of the following conditions are met:

- The alleged assailant represents a serious or ongoing threat to the safety of students, employees, or the institution; and
- The immediate assistance of the local law enforcement agency is necessary to contact or detain the alleged assailant.

## Timely Warning Policy

This policy describes the procedures that will be used to provide members of the community with information to aid in preventing them from becoming victims of crimes posing a serious or ongoing threat to the Campus communities. It is intended to provide faculty, staff, and students with timely information about Clery reportable crimes occurring within the defined Clery Geography of their Campuses, and to comply with the Timely Warning requirements of the Jeanne Clery Act.

As required by the Clery Act, CSU Campuses will keep their Campus communities informed by providing a timely warning when appropriate.

- Upon receipt of a Campus Security Authority (CSA) report of a Clery crime on Clery Geography, a Timely Warning analysis shall be completed and documented by the Clery Director. The Clery Director shall have authority to delegate this responsibility as appropriate. It is not necessary to document the completed Timely Warning analysis for referrals to disciplinary action.
- If it is determined that the report includes a Clery crime on Clery Geography, the Clery Director and Chief of Police (or management designee) will confer to analyze the known pertinent facts to determine whether they constitute a serious or ongoing threat to the Campus community. The unavailability of the Clery Director shall not unduly delay the issuance of a Timely Warning.
- If a CSA report includes 1) a Clery crime 2) on Clery Geography and 3) a discernible serious or ongoing threat, a timely warning as described below shall be issued expeditiously.
- In the absence of any of these three elements, no timely warning will be issued.
- The Chief of Police (or the management designee) shall have ultimate authority and responsibility for determining whether to issue a Timely Warning.

Each reported incident must be analyzed on a case-by-case basis. All known factors shall be considered in the case-by-case analysis to determine whether a timely warning should be issued. No single factor should govern the decision regarding the issuance of a timely warning. Campuses are prohibited from circumventing a case-by-case analysis by issuing a blanket rule that timely warnings will be issued for all reports of any given Clery reportable crime. Requests from an outside law enforcement agency to refrain from issuing a timely warning is insufficient grounds on its own for not issuing or delaying the issuing of a timely warning, unless the Chief of Police concurs that by issuing a timely warning, an identified risk can be articulated that would compromise the law enforcement efforts of the outside agency investigating the crime to gather evidence and/or apprehend suspect(s).

The case-by-case analysis will involve reviewing relevant factors including, but not limited to, the following, if known:

- The timing of the report: shortly after the occurrence of the crime vs. days or weeks after the occurrence of the crime, i.e., a "cold report"
- Physical injury to the victim
- Use of weapons
- Forced entry used and/or tools used in commission of the crime
- A suspect arrested or incapacitated by injury
- A suspect that is identified or otherwise can be located by law enforcement
- A suspect that is out of the area
- A victim who fears for their safety from the suspect
- A clear modus operandi and/or pre-planning indicated
- Multiple suspect(s) involved
- A pattern of similar crimes established
- The possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts, such as to gather evidence and/or apprehend suspect(s), if a warning was issued

### Additional Considerations

The Clery Director (or management designee) shall notify the Campus president, as soon as practicable, that a timely warning will be or has been issued.

The Chief of Police (or management designee) is responsible for collaborating with surrounding law enforcement agencies to encourage them to share information with University Police Department (UPD) about crimes reported to local law enforcement that occur in Clery Geography.

Nothing in this policy precludes Campuses from maintaining a Campus policy about informing, re-publicizing and/or sharing with the Campus community crimes or other informational notices, (e.g., traffic advisories, events, prevention information) the Campus deems may be of interest to the Campus community. Such a policy is separate and distinct from the Timely Warning Policy. Such notices must differ in appearance or be distributed in a manner that assures that members of the community understand such notices are different from a timely warning notification required by the Clery Act; members of the Campus community should not be misled to believe such notices are timely warnings.

## Contents of a Timely Warning

When a timely warning is issued it shall be entitled "Timely Warning Crime Bulletin" and contain the following:

- A statement that reads, "This Timely Warning Bulletin is being issued in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Act and the purpose is to provide preventative information to the Campus community to aid members from becoming the victim of a similar crime."
- Identify the Clery reportable crime that occurred (i.e., rape, burglary, motor vehicle theft, arson, etc.)
- The date, time, and location the crime occurred
- The date the Timely Warning Bulletin is issued
- Description of the suspect when deemed appropriate, and if there is sufficient detail. Only include a description of the suspect when the descriptors provided by the reporting party could reasonably lead to conclusive identification of the perpetrator(s)
- At least three preventative tips or points of information specifically related to the circumstances of the crime which occurred that could help others from becoming the victim of a similar crime
- The phone number of UPD and a statement encouraging community members to report all information about crimes to UPD
- If appropriate, the phone number of support services

The Timely Warning shall not include, under any circumstances, the name of the victim, or information so specific (i.e., specific address or dorm room number or floor) that would or likely could identify the victim of the crimes of Sexual Violence, Rape, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking. Timely Warning Bulletins should use gender-inclusive and culturally appropriate language and avoid victim blaming and bias language.

## Methods of Distribution

Timely warnings will be distributed as quickly as possible in a manner that will likely reach the entire Campus community. Distribution methods vary from Campus to Campus and include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

- All employee and student email distribution
- University website
- Public area video display monitors
- Hard copies posted on Campus building entrance doors
- Press Release

This list is not intended to be exhaustive or intended to prioritize the method of distribution. The Chief of Police will confer with the Clery Director (or management designee), if available, to determine the most appropriate method(s) to distribute a Timely Warning. In the absence of the Clery Director (or management designee), the Chief of Police will determine the appropriate method of distribution. Campuses are required to maintain a list of the methods of distribution for timely warnings and include said list in the Campus's Annual Security Report.

## Emergency Notification Policy

This policy describes the procedures that will be used to immediately notify the Campus community upon the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students and/or employees occurring on the Campus, as required by the Clery Act.

Any member of the Campus community with information believed to constitute a significant emergency or a dangerous situation that poses an imminent or immediate threat shall report the information to University Police Department (UPD) and/or by calling "911." Examples include, but are not limited to, the following types of incidents:

- Severe weather warning (e.g., flash flooding, tsunami, hurricane, etc.)
- Environmental emergency within an on-campus facility (e.g., hazardous chemical spill, fire, earthquake, building collapse)
- Criminal activity with an imminent threat to Campus community (e.g., active shooter, murder, fleeing suspect with a weapon)
- Public Health Emergency (e.g., measles outbreak, swine flu outbreak, etc.)

Once UPD has received the report, the Chief of Police (or management designee) will, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, confer with any appropriate public official (e.g., fire chief, health department) and any Campus officials responsible for managing the on-campus emergency, if available, to confirm both: 1) a legitimate emergency or dangerous situation exists impacting on-Campus geography; and 2) the emergency or dangerous situation poses an immediate or imminent threat to members of the on-campus community. This confirmation process may include, but is not limited to, visual observation, officer investigation, the assistance of key Campus administrators, local or Campus first responders, and/or official government reporting through agencies such as the National Weather Service.

If both of the above factors are not met, no emergency notification is required. If it is determined that both of the above factors are met, then an emergency notification as described below shall be issued. The Chief of Police and/or the Clery Director (or management designee) will prepare the content of the notification and determine which members of the Campus community are threatened and need to be notified. The content of the message will be developed based on a careful but swift analysis of the most critical facts.

Once the notification is prepared, the Chief of Police and/or the Clery Director (or their management designees) will, without delay and taking into account the safety of the community, transmit the emergency notification unless doing so would delay the ability to mitigate and/or contain the emergency, including the ability to provide immediate, life saving measures. If an emergency notification is issued, a timely warning is not required for the same incident.

### Contents of the Emergency Notification

The emergency notification shall contain the following information:

- A statement as to what the emergency or dangerous situation is, in specific terms (e.g., chemical spill, active shooter, building fire)
- A statement providing direction as to what actions the receiver of the message should take to ensure their own safety
- A statement as to where or when additional information may be obtained

The Chief of Police and/or Clery Director (or management designees) will provide updates to the emergency notification with pertinent updates or direction to persons for their safety when new information becomes available. Updates will be provided in regular intervals until the emergency has been mitigated or no longer poses an imminent threat, e.g., fire is out, and building has re-opened.

### Methods of Distribution

Emergency Notifications will be distributed as quickly as possible in a manner that will likely reach the segment(s) of the on-campus community threatened by the emergency. Segmentation will be considered by the Chief of Police (or management designee) by evaluating which persons are likely to be at risk based on the circumstances at the time and notifying those persons. Segmentation should not be considered if making this determination would delay issuing the emergency notification. The Chief will determine if notification to the larger community is appropriate. Distribution methods, including distribution to the larger community, vary from Campus to Campus and depending on the nature of the emergency, may include:

- A Campus mass notification system, including but not limited to phone, Campus email, or text messaging. Systems should provide currently enrolled students, faculty and staff the ability to adjust their subscription preferences to select multiple contact methods from text messages, emails and phone calls, or if desired, to 'opt out' of the service and not receive any notifications<sup>4</sup>
- Audio/visual message boards
- Audible alarms/sirens
- Campus public address systems
- In person or door-to-door notifications in a building or residence halls
- Local media
- Social media
- Other means appropriate under the circumstances, which campuses shall disclose in their ASRs as applicable.

### Testing and Evacuation System

Testing of the Emergency Notification System and evacuation will be done at least once annually. The Tests may be announced or unannounced. Tests must be scheduled, contain drills, exercises and appropriate follow-through activities, and be designed for assessment and evaluations of emergency plans and capabilities. However, the campus emergency response and evacuation procedures will be publicized in conjunction with at least one test per calendar year. Each Test will be documented to include a description of the exercise, the date of the Test, the start and end times of the Test, and whether the Test was announced or unannounced. The California State University Emergency Management policy describes these Tests and defines responsibility for their completion. A copy of the documentation will be provided to the Clery Director.

### CSUN Emergency Notification System

California State University, Northridge (CSUN) has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to compliance with the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act, particularly in the areas of emergency management and continuity of operations. A cornerstone of CSUN's emergency communication

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<sup>4</sup> CSUN has the RAVE Alert Notification System. See next section for details.

strategy is the full implementation of the RAVE Alert Notification System—an advanced, campus-wide alert platform designed to ensure the rapid dissemination of critical information during emergencies.

This system has proven to be a vital asset in enhancing campus safety and situational awareness. Its effectiveness was notably demonstrated in 2024 during an incident that warranted the issuance of a Timely Warning, due to a potential threat to the campus community. The alert successfully informed students, faculty, and staff of an attempted assault involving a student, and included a description of the suspect to support campus awareness and safety precautions.

To further validate the system’s functionality and reach, a campus-wide test was conducted on October 17, 2024, in coordination with the Great American ShakeOut earthquake drill. A simulated emergency notification was sent to all community members, confirming successful message delivery and reinforcing CSUN's readiness to communicate swiftly in the event of a real emergency.

### **Emergency Notification: A Pillar of Campus Safety**

At the heart of CSUN's emergency management strategy is the understanding that timely and accurate emergency notifications are crucial for safeguarding the campus community. These notifications serve as the primary means for delivering immediate information to students, faculty, and staff when disruptive incidents pose a threat to normal campus operations or safety. The RAVE Alert Notification system, through a variety of communication channels including text messages, emails, and phone calls, ensures that the campus community receives these alerts without delay.

### **Scope of Emergency Notifications**

The types of incidents that trigger emergency notifications at CSUN are broad and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Active shooter or Life-threatening act of violence:** The purpose of an emergency notification during an active shooter or life-threatening act of violence on campus is to quickly alert the campus community of the immediate danger. It provides critical information such as the nature of the threat, location, and recommended actions to protect oneself, like sheltering in place or avoiding the area. The goal is to reduce harm, save lives, and help emergency responders manage the situation more effectively. Timely and clear communication empowers individuals to make informed decisions for their safety.
- **Severe Weather Warning:** Alerts related to extreme weather conditions such as flash flooding, and other meteorological events are promptly disseminated. These warnings provide essential guidance on safety measures and operational adjustments necessary to mitigate risks and preserve the safety of CSUN’s community.
- **Environmental Emergency within On-Campus Facilities:** Situations such as hazardous chemical spills, fires, earthquakes, and building collapses necessitate immediate notifications to prevent injuries and limit damage to campus infrastructure.
- **Criminal Activity in or around the Campus Community:** Incidents involving acts of violence or a fleeing suspect with a weapon represent a direct threat to campus safety. The RAVE Alert system enables CSUN to quickly communicate the nature of the threat and recommended actions to enhance personal safety.
- **Public Health Emergency:** Outbreaks of infectious diseases (e.g., measles, swine flu) prompt the issuance of alerts to inform the community about the nature of the health threat, preventive measures, and any adjustments to campus operations to control the spread of the disease.

Furthermore, to ensure receipt of these important messages, members of the CSUN community are encouraged to keep their emergency contact information up-to-date in the *myNorthridge* portal (<https://www.csun.edu/>). CSUN emergency notification system's rapid alert capabilities, capable of reaching 50,000 contacts via text in less than five minutes, and offers the option for students, staff, and faculty to add additional contacts such as family members or roommates to receive notifications.

Additionally, CSUN continues to utilize various platforms and systems to communicate during emergencies, including:

- **Social media pages** (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and the Department of Police Services Facebook page).
- **Campus Carillon** for outdoor alerts, the CSUN homepage for critical incident information, and the Informacast Phone Messaging System for simultaneous audio and text messages on campus VOIP phones.
- Communication methods also include the **Alertus Desktop Takeover System** for urgent computer pop-up messages.
- **Emergency signage** across campus.
- **Radio stations** (KABC 790AM, KNX 1070AM, and campus radio KCSN 88.5FM) for broader emergency broadcasting.
- **Two-way radios**, hand-held megaphones, vehicle public address systems for targeted messaging.
- **Blue Light Phones** for direct emergency reporting to CSUN police dispatchers.

Additionally, toll-free numbers provide status updates on campus closures or class cancellations during emergencies.

**Faculty/Staff Campus Status:** 866-635-2786  
**Students and Community:** 866-515-2786

**Emergency/Non-Emergency Contact Numbers**  
24-hour Emergency (CSUN Police, Fire or Medical): **911**  
24-hour Non-Emergency: 818-677-2111

**Useful Telephone Numbers at CSUN**

Vehicle Jump starts or Key Lock-Out Assistance: 818-677-2111  
Emergency Management: 818-677-5973  
Threat Assessment Unit: 818-677-3961  
Office of the Chief of Police: 818-677-2201  
Matador Patrol (Personal Safety Escorts): 818-677-5048  
Environmental Health and Safety: 818-677-2401  
Klotz Student Health Center: 818-677-3666  
Physical Plant Management: 818-677-2222

The University adheres to the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), and the California State University Emergency Management Policy, ensuring comprehensive compliance in its approach to emergency preparedness and response. Its Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) outlines the necessary steps and procedures for addressing emergencies or disasters within the Clery-defined campus geography, with the University's emergency response and management efforts led by the Director of the

Emergency Operations Center/Chief of Police or their designated alternate.

### **Emergency Preparedness and Response Education**

To ensure that the campus community is able to act in the moment of an emergency, the CSU Chancellor's Office has assigned a mandated course for Emergency Preparedness and Response through CSULearn. This system-wide prescribed emergency management training emphasizes individual and community responsibility in fostering a culture of safety and preparedness across all campuses. This training covers key topics such as personal preparedness, emergency response options, and general safety principles. Students, faculty, staff and auxiliaries are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the unique emergency plans and resources relevant to their respective work site and environment.

### **Drills**

- **Annual drills and exercises** are scheduled by the Department of Police Services Director of Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity. This includes building evacuation drills and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercises to test the University's Emergency Operations Plan.
- **Scheduled building evacuation drills** are conducted each year per an established 18-month master schedule. These drills are coordinated by the Department of Police Services' Director of Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity in conjunction with Principal Building Marshals, Physical Plant Management, and Department of Police Services Patrol Operations and Dispatch. Announced and unannounced building evacuation drills are designed to exercise and assess emergency response plans and capabilities for evacuation purposes.
- **After-Action Reports** are created for all drill and exercises coordinated by the Director of Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity to identify areas for improvement.

### **Emergency Operations Center**

California State University, Northridge's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) includes staff from key departments to support emergency responses, activated by the University President or EOC Director as needed. Training for EOC staff is well-documented. The Director of Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity, along with the Chief of Police, reviews the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) annually, testing its components through various exercises, with outcomes reported in After-Action Reports and Corrective Action Plans. The university offers emergency preparedness training for the campus community on topics such as evacuation and safety procedures. Notably, on August 24, 2023 CSUN participated in an exercise, testing the Student Health Center's Incident Command structure and triage capabilities. Additionally, November 2023 saw the return of the award-winning Zombie Apocalypse Emergency Preparedness Scavenger Hunt for the campus community to learn about emergency preparedness. The year also included evacuation drills, notification system tests, and emergency preparedness outreach. Documentation related to these activities is maintained by the Director of Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity for review.

California State University Northridge's continued communication strategy of the RAVE Alert Notification system, preparedness events and exercises underline CSUN's commitment to maintaining a safe and informed campus environment. By ensuring that emergency notifications are disseminated swiftly and efficiently across a wide range of scenarios, CSUN not only complies with

the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act but also fosters a culture of preparedness and resilience among its community members. This proactive approach to emergency management and continuity of operations exemplifies CSUN's dedication to the well-being and security of its students, faculty, and staff.

## Security of and Access to Campus Facilities, and Security Considerations for the Maintenance of Campus Facilities

### CSUN Statement of Policy for Addressing Security and Access

The CSUN Department of Police Services provides 24-hour patrol of university property including academic and administrative buildings, parking lots, and residence halls. All state laws and applicable federal codes are enforced on the campus. Security and safety conditions on campus are continually evaluated by members of the Department of Police Services, Environmental Health and Safety, and Physical Plant Management.

Officers patrol the campus on a regular basis and are responsible for reporting and investigating crimes, issuing traffic citations, responding to medical emergencies, traffic accidents, reports of fire, as well as other incidents that require police assistance.

Most campus educational facilities are open to the public during business hours (8:00am to 10:00pm). Certain facilities, including buildings, offices, and other areas of the campus may be restricted as to hours or access requirements. These restrictions are posted at each location. Access to campus residence buildings operated by Residential Life is restricted to residents, their guests, and university officials. Access to University Park Apartments is controlled by electronic card-keys. Lock/Key/Access Control standard operating procedure policy is to establish procedures, roles, and responsibilities for California State University Northridge (CSUN) campus wide lock, key, and access control. An effective lock/key/access control program provides for and maintains the overall security of campus facilities and equipment through enforceable procedures for access control requirements. Access control codes and keys are State property and must not be duplicated or surrendered except as outlined herein. Keys are issued by Physical Plant Management (PPM) only upon written authorization of the appropriate administrative officer. Unless otherwise described below, the (PPM) Engineering Services Lock Shop staff has responsibility for maintaining and executing tasks outlined in this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). This SOP applies to all organizational units of the University that utilize PPM Lock Shop services and equipment.<sup>5</sup>

### Maintenance of Campus Facilities

Facilities and landscaping are maintained in a manner that minimizes hazardous conditions. The CSUN Department of Police Services regularly patrols the campus and reports malfunctioning lights and other unsafe physical conditions to Physical Plant Management for correction.

Under the direction of Environmental Health and Safety, members of the campus community, including representation from the Department of Police Services, conduct an annual night safety walk. The purpose of this walk is to find safety concerns that appear on the campus at night. Documentation is made of the findings and repairs/corrections are initiated and tracked through to completion.

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<sup>5</sup> CSUN- Physical Plant Management - Lock/Key/Access Control Standard Operating Procedure, SOP No.18-2006, Effective Date January 30, 2019.

The campus community is encouraged to report any safety concerns, exterior lighting, or emergency telephone malfunctions to Physical Plant Management at 818-677-2222 or to the Department of Police Services at 818-677-2111. In University housing areas, the housing maintenance department should be notified at 818-677-2234.

### **Statement Regarding Firearms and Weapons**

Any person who brings or possesses a firearm on the grounds of the university, without the prior written permission of the Department of Police Services Chief of Police, or as otherwise provided by law, is in violation of state law (California Penal Code, Section 626.9) and university regulations (Policy No. 800-01), and is punishable by imprisonment, university disciplinary action, or both. Additional California weapon laws affecting the possession of firearms, dirks, daggers, knives, batons, clubs, BB guns, etc. on California State University property are delineated within California Penal Code sections 626 through 626.11, 25400, 25850, and 26350. The Student Housing Rules and Regulations prohibiting all weapons, firearms, and ammunition are located at <https://www.csun.edu/housing/student-housing-rules-and-regulations> .

### **Systemwide Law Enforcement Policy, Law Enforcement Authority**

Persons employed and compensated as members of a California State University police department, when so appointed and duly sworn, are peace officers. However, such peace officers shall not exercise their powers or authority<sup>6</sup> except (a) at the headquarters or upon any campus of the California State University and in an area within one mile of the exterior boundaries of each campus or the headquarters, and in or about other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered by the California State University, or by trustees or the state on behalf of the California State University, and (b) as provided in Section 830.2 of the Penal Code.

The arrest authority outside the jurisdiction of the CSU Police Department includes (Penal Code § 830.2(c); Penal Code § 836):

- a. When the officer has probable cause to believe the person committed a felony.
- b. When the officer has probable cause to believe the person has committed a misdemeanor in the presence of the officer and the officer reasonably believes there is immediate danger to person or property or of escape.
- c. When the officer has probable cause to believe the person has committed a misdemeanor for which an arrest is authorized even if not committed in the presence of the officer such as certain domestic violence offenses and there is immediate danger to person or property or of escape or the arrest is mandated by statute.
- d. When authorized by a cross jurisdictional agreement with the jurisdiction in which the arrest is made.
- e. In compliance with an arrest warrant.

On duty arrests will not generally be made outside the jurisdiction of this department except in cases of hot or fresh pursuit, while following up on crimes committed within the State, or while assisting another agency.

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<sup>6</sup> Including the authority to make arrests.

On duty officers who discover criminal activity outside the jurisdiction of the State should when circumstances permit, consider contacting the agency having primary jurisdiction before attempting an arrest.

California State University encourages accurate and prompt reporting of crime. All members of the Campus community are encouraged to promptly contact the UPD and/or other appropriate police agencies when they have been the victim of, or have witnessed criminal actions, including when the victim of crime elects to or is unable to make such a report.

### **CSUN – Law Enforcement**

Under the California State University, the California State University Police Services and Public Safety Program is the delegation of authority and responsibility to the campus president to implement campus police services and public safety program policies that are consistent with the California State University Police and Public Safety Policy guidelines. CSUN Department of Police Services' Officers are vested with full law enforcement powers of arrest and meet or exceed training mandated by the California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training, as well as training designed to meet the needs of the university community. As state peace officers, their police authority extends throughout the state, including concurrent jurisdiction with the Los Angeles Police Department on the adjacent streets in the surrounding community. California Penal Code 830.2 (c) states the following persons are peace officers whose authority extends to any place in the state: A member of the California State University Police Departments appointed pursuant to Section 89560 of the Education Code, provided that the primary duty of the peace officer shall be the enforcement of the law within the area specified in Section 89560 of the Education Code. Department of Police Services' police officers enforce California State University policies, California state laws as well as Federal laws.

It is the policy of the CSUN Department of Police Services to comply with applicable federal, state and local laws. In keeping with this requirement, a memorandum of agreement (MOA) has been crafted with the Los Angeles Police Department to meet the requirements of the Kristen Smart Campus Safety Act of 1998. This law mandates that university police departments enter into written agreements with local law enforcement agencies in order to clarify operational responsibilities for investigation of Part 1 violent crimes occurring on campus. The Act was amended in 2015 to include violent crime reporting procedures within the university as well as the forwarding of said reports to the local law enforcement agency with which the campus has an operational agreement or MOU (i.e., LAPD – Devonshire Division). The CSUN Department of Police Services also has a letter of agreement with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (LASO), Los Angeles School Police (LASPD), and California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide a formal mechanism for the Department of Police Services to request assistance to augment university police resources. This assistance would normally be requested for such situations as demonstrations, marches, rallies, parties, dances or other situations as determined by the Chief of Police.

The Department prepares and submits a monthly crime statistic report through the California Incident-Based Reporting System to the California Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Department also enters reported stolen vehicles and property with serial numbers into the National Crime Information Center computer, allowing for recovery throughout the United States.

As an active member of the criminal justice system, the Department of Police Services interacts and cooperates with other state and local law enforcement agencies. Cases are filed with both the Los Angeles City Attorney and the Los Angeles County District Attorney. Information may also be given to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs for internal judicial process involving students.

The University requests that all crimes or suspected crimes be reported accurately and promptly to the Department of Police Services and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency where the crime occurred, to include when the victim elects to or is unable to make a report. Crimes occurring on University properties leased by Medtronic Inc. should be reported to the Los Angeles Police Department. Crimes occurring on University properties leased by Northridge Academy High School should be reported to the Los Angeles Unified School District Police or the Los Angeles Police Department. Should there be a question as to whom a crime should be reported to, contact the CSUN Department of Police Services for assistance.

Two police investigators are assigned full-time to follow up on crime and incident reports. They are responsible for follow-up investigations, apprehending suspects, recovering property, preparing cases for filing, and making crime prevention recommendations.

There are very limited circumstances in which investigators of the Department of Police Services may remove reports of crime that have been determined as "unfounded." "Report Unfounded" shall only be indicated within the department's records management system when:

- The crime or incident alleged in the original report did not occur, or did not occur in the Department's jurisdiction.
- The same crime or incident has been reported more than once. (The most accurate and thorough crime report shall be retained. Any additional report should be unfounded).
- "Specific intent" is a necessary element of the original crime, and the district attorney, city attorney or Investigations Unit commander determines that investigative efforts have failed to prove that specific intent exists. **NOTE:** Even if the incident, absent the element of specific intent, is still a crime, the original report shall be reclassified to that crime.

All reported Clery crimes determined as "unfounded" and subsequently withheld from the reported crime statistics are disclosed within the Crime Statistics section of this Annual Security Report.

### Security Awareness and Crime Prevention Programs

Members of the CSUN community must take responsibility for their own personal safety, the safety of others, and their property (when possible), as they do when away from the University. Members of the community are strongly encouraged and constantly reminded by the Department of Police Services throughout the year to:

- Promptly report all crimes and suspicious persons or activity to University Police.
- Always be aware of your personal safety and your surroundings.
- Never leave your property unattended and lock bicycles and doors and windows to your car, office, and residence.
- Always double check your doors and windows to ensure they are completely closed and locked before you go to sleep or leave your room or residence.
- Keep all valuables with you or leave them at home.
- Walk on well-traveled pathways and in well-lit and populated areas. Walk with friends or groups when possible.

- Call the Department of Police Services for a safety escort if you feel afraid or need to walk in isolated areas or at times when areas are unpopulated or closed.
- Get to know people in and around your place of residence. Do not invite or let unknown people into your residential building, nor go with them to an unfamiliar place. If you know someone by their first name only or met them on the internet, consider them a stranger.
- Engrave owner identification numbers onto electronics and items of value, keep a list of serial numbers and description of property, and provide it to the Police in the event your property is stolen.
- Use the internet wisely and never send money or provide personal identifying information, credit card information, or bank information to someone you do not know or to a company or person you did not initiate contact with on your own (such as airlines, department stores, Amazon, etc.).
- Use good bicycle theft prevention measures. Use a combo or flat key U-lock. Most cable locks can be and are easily cut. Lock both the front and rear wheels when possible and make sure to put your lock(s) through a closed part of the bike frame. Wheels can easily be taken off. Register your bike with the Department of Police Services and use the campus bicycle compounds. Although all bikes are prone to theft, the newer and more expensive a bike is, the more of a target it will be.

CSUN, through the Department of Police Services, offers other programs to enhance the security awareness and safety of its campus community. Such programs include, but are not limited to:

- Analytic Closed Caption Television (CCTV) – the University uses a state-of-the-art video surveillance system on campus which incorporates video analytics, allowing the University to further enhance its security/safety efforts while “future proofing” their investment.
- Amber Light Patrol – Parking enforcement officers patrol parking lots and structures with their amber lights on to be visible to those who need assistance with vehicle lock-outs and jumpstarts. Wallet cards are available at the Department of Police Services.
- Personal Safety Escort Program – Personal Safety escorts are provided to locations on campus during hours of darkness. For a night safety escort, please call 818-677-2111. There were 227 safety escorts provided in 2024.
- Security Surveys – Departments can request a security survey be conducted and the Department of Police Services will evaluate the concerns and make recommendations.
- Intrusion and Duress Alarm Assessments – Departments can request a site survey/assessment be conducted and the Department of Police Services will evaluate the concerns and needs of a security alarm system, making recommendations where needed.
- STOP Anti-Theft Program - Security plates adhered to computers and other electronics items and is available for the both personal and state owned. The serial and production information is uploaded to the STOP website, in case the item is lost or stolen. The department facilitated the application of 76 STOP plates.
- Matador Bicycle Compound and Bicycle Registration – The Bicycle compounds are fully enclosed and more secure locations to park bicycles on campus. Cyclists are given access to the bicycle compounds located in the B3, B5 and G3 parking structure and in Student Housing. Additionally, cyclists can register their bicycles with the department. Forty-four (44) bicycles were registered with the department and thirty-seven (37) for the bicycle compound in 2024. For more

information and to enroll in the program, call 818-677-2111 or visit the Department of Police Services at the corner of Darby Avenue & Prairie Street.

See the below Crime Prevention Programs section for information on both specific security and public safety programming provided to the campus community in 2024.

CSUN provided community wide or audience specific outreach and program efforts that included in person presentations and tabling events from University police officers, Klotz Student Health Center professional and student staff, residential life professional and student staff, as well as Greek and other student life representatives. Campus educational programming in 2022 was comprehensive and intentional; integrating programming initiatives, strategies, and campaigns intended to inform the campus community about safety procedures and ways to prevent crime.

Details on the variety of crime and controlled substance prevention topics are available from the Department of Police Services in separate publications at the Department of Police Services or the department's website <http://www.csun.edu/police/> and the university student health center's website <https://www.csun.edu/shc>. Presentation requests for current programs, or a request for one not shown in the list below to meet a specific need, may be made by calling the Department of Police Services at 818- 677-2201.

The DPS crime prevention unit maintains a highly visible presence within the community providing quality services, crime prevention programs, resources and educational opportunities that promote personal safety and the protection of property. Among the crime prevention programs listed below are the security awareness programs listed in the previous section for the CSUN community.

**Crime Prevention and Safety Workshops, Classes, Tabling Events during the 2024 year**

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Conducted By</b>	<b>To Whom</b>	<b>Number of Programs Held</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>General Crime Prevention &amp; Personal Safety Events</b>	Department of Police Services	Students/ Faculty/Staff	Twelve (12) sessions during the year	These workshops cover information on basic crime prevention and personal safety tips.
<b>Safety Presentations</b>	Department of Police Services	Students/ Faculty/Staff	Seven (7) sessions during the year	These presentations cover information on Active Shooter Survival Escape Response Training (ASSERT).
<b>Community Relations Events (tabling)</b>	Department of Police Services	Students/ Faculty/Staff	Twenty (20) resources tabling events in the year	DPS staff go to different events on campus passing out information regarding the wide variety of safety programs and resources available through the department.

## Monitoring and Recording Crime Activity at Noncampus Locations of Student Organizations

The Los Angeles Police Department, located at 10250 Etiwanda Ave., Northridge, CA 91325 (Devonshire Division 818-832-0633/818-832-0665 TDD/TTY) is the primary responding law enforcement agency to all officially recognized non-campus fraternities, sororities, and other student organizations controlling residences and/or property(s) located within the city of Los Angeles. The Department of Police Services requests crime reports and statistics about crimes occurring at these locations from the Los Angeles Police Department. The Department of Police Services may also respond to crimes in progress at these locations, depending upon the nature of the crime and the proximity to the campus. Crime reports and statistics for these locations are maintained by the Los Angeles Police Department; however, they are included in this report as required by law.

The Department of Police Services has a Law Enforcement Role, Constitutional and Statutory Authority, Area of Jurisdiction, and Off-Campus Response policy to define the agency role, the constitutional and statutory authority, and area of jurisdiction of the California State University, Northridge Department of Police Services. This includes the scope of authority with respect to enforcement of laws, statutes and ordinances.<sup>7</sup>

## Possession, Use, Sale and Enforcement of Federal and State Alcohol and Drug laws

Consistent with its mission of enabling students to reach their educational goals, California State University, Northridge is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for the university community. Alcohol and other drugs (AOD) should not interfere with the university's educational mission. All CSUN students, faculty, and staff are subject to local, state, and federal laws regarding the unlawful possession, distribution, or use of alcohol and illicit drugs. Violators are subject to university discipline, criminal prosecution and/or removal from University housing. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of illicit drugs on the University campus or at any University-sponsored event off-campus is also prohibited. A complete description of these regulations is contained in the University Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Policy (#900-06) which can be viewed at <https://catalog.csun.edu/policies/university-policy-on-alcohol-and-illicit-drugs/> or obtained in hard copy at the Office of Student Affairs, Valera Hall 310. This policy, which delineates CSUN policy concerning alcohol and drugs, provides procedural guidelines, communicates the consequences of failing to adhere to established policies, and provides guidance as to available resources, is a significant component of the university's overall compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations, which implement The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Of 1989 (DFSCA) including 1) Standards of conduct 2) Applicable legal sanctions 3) Associated health risks 4) Available treatment and support programs and 5) Discipline and sanctions. [Note: the policy is currently under revision.]

A campus contact for students interested in prevention programs and resources is Marianne Link, MPH, MCHES, Assistant Director, Health Promotion And Administration ([marianne.link@csun.edu](mailto:marianne.link@csun.edu)), located at the Klotz Student Health Center on campus.

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<sup>7</sup> CSU/CSUN – Department of Police Services, Law Enforcement Role, Constitutional and Statutory Authority, Area of Jurisdiction, and Off-Campus Response, policy/procedure number: 02-O.A.-001, Review Date: March 21, 2023.

University Counseling Services (UCS) is mindful of the support needs that enrolled CSUN students may face when struggling with substance use. Any enrolled CSUN student experiencing concern about their substance use who would like to meet with someone to discuss these concerns can schedule an initial evaluation appointment with Dr. Steve Silver, Psychologist and UCS' Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor. UCS also aims to support students returning to the CSUN campus whom have completed a substance use disorder treatment program off-campus. Although many substance use disorder treatment programs provide after-care referrals, any enrolled student seeking post-treatment support is welcome to schedule an initial evaluation appointment with Dr. Silver to discuss appropriate next steps in their recovery and well-being.

Employees can contact the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), Life Matters, via their website for information:<https://live-csu-northridge.pantheonsite.io/benefits/worklife-balance-resources/lifematterscsun-employee-assistance-program>. The Employee Assistance Program offers strictly confidential consultations, including a no-cost assessment of the individual's alcohol and drug use, its impact on personal and/or work-related matters, as well as exploration of treatment options available. The EAP is a free employee benefit and can refer individuals and their family and household members to external resources. All CSUN employee health insurance plans include provisions for treating substance misuse.

CSUN is in accordance with the CSU (formerly Executive Order 930<sup>8</sup>) Drug-Free Workplace policy, to maintain a workplace free of illegal drugs. California State University, Northridge employees and students are expected to comply with campus rules and regulations which expressly prohibit the unlawful manufacture, use, sale, purchase, transfer or possession of dangerous drugs or narcotics, as those terms are used in federal statutes. The policy also addresses marijuana and Proposition 64, which can be found at: [https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/540-50\\_0.pdf](https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/540-50_0.pdf).<sup>9</sup>

The University respects the right of individuals within the University community to determine whether to engage in the lawful consumption of alcohol under circumstances authorized by the University policy. Members of the campus community, particularly students, who elect not to use alcoholic beverages, or not to include alcohol as a part of sponsored events and activities, will be fully supported in that choice.

The CSUN Department of Police Services strictly enforces state laws, as well as the University Zero-Tolerance Policy, for underage drinking and the use and sale of illegal drugs. No one may use illegal substances, or abuse legal substances, including alcohol. Students engaging in the sale of illegal drugs may be arrested and face University disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. Additionally, students found in violation of University alcohol, drug, and weapons policies may also be subject to similar consequences including arrest and University disciplinary action. Parents or guardians may be notified by the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development about any University disciplinary violation involving alcohol or a controlled substance that has been committed by a student who is under the age of 21. A police officer can confiscate the driver license from any person suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs, who refuses to take a blood alcohol test.

CSUN has a Use of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Policy which details university regulations concerning

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<sup>8</sup> CSU - Drug Free Workplace Policy, PolicyStat ID 8610103, EO 0930, Reviewed 3/6/2023, Next Review 3/5/2025.

<sup>9</sup> CSUN – Policies and Procedures, Drug Free Workplace, Policy No. 540-50, Effective 3/21/00.

alcohol and other drugs, provide procedural guidelines, communicate the consequences of failing to adhere to established policies, and provide guidance as to available resources.<sup>10</sup>

Employees in violation of the University alcohol and drug policies may be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. Discipline shall be imposed in a manner consistent with the applicable labor agreements, CSU policies, and law. In addition to, or in lieu of discipline, CSUN may, at its discretion, require employees violating the policy to participate satisfactorily in an appropriate drug abuse rehabilitation program. Applicable legal sanctions under federal, state, and local statutes for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol may include probation, diversion, or imprisonment.

The University Corporation (TUC), CSUN’s non-profit auxiliary corporation, contracted all of campus dining to Chartwells Higher Education Group (CHE). CHE is licensed by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage and Control to purchase, serve, and sell alcohol both on and off campus. Consistent with this policy, the Executive Director of TUC or designee shall determine the permitted uses of the licenses held by CHE and shall approve all policies and procedures concerning the use of alcohol at TUC operated facilities and catered events, including the University Student Union.

The Vice President for Student Affairs has jurisdiction over Residential Life and Conference Services and the University Student Union and, consistent with this policy, shall approve all alcohol- related policies established by these departments. The use of alcoholic beverages must comply with California state law and is strictly limited to persons 21 years of age or older. The possession, transportation, and consumption of alcoholic beverages by individuals younger than 21 years of age is strictly prohibited. Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed by persons over the age of 21.

CSUN provides useful and informative prevention education programs throughout the year. Drug and alcohol awareness/prevention presentations/outreach programs are provided at various times each year at orientations, upon request for departments, for classes, for programs, and in conjunction with sponsored campus activities. Content varies including alcohol poisoning prevention; bystander intervention; opioids, fentanyl and naloxone; and more. CSUN Department of Police Services enforces the policies proactively through education and community contacts. Officers and residential life staff regularly make residents aware of the policies regarding drug/alcohol use and misuse as well as personal safety and crime prevention information. The CSUN Department of Police Services also provides AOD presentations and participates in AOD-related outreach events. Klotz Student Health Center Health Promotion staff and Klotz Matadors4Wellness Peer Health Educators also provide AOD outreach programs such as those listed below.

**2024**

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type/Contact</b>	<b># Students</b>
Health at CSUN presentation includes alcohol and cannabis education - Veterans Resource Center	1/31/2024	Workshop	6
Health at CSUN presentation includes alcohol and cannabis education - HSCI 132 class	2/19/2024	Workshop	25
Safe Spring Break Resource Fair Instagram post	3/1/2024	Social media	624
Safe Spring Break Resource Fair	3/5/2024	Outreach	35

<sup>10</sup> CSUN – Policies and Procedures, Use of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Policy, Policy No. 900-06, Effective 11/7/06.

ATOD Presentation, Sigma Omega Nu Latina Interest Sorority	3/5/2024	Workshop	10
Mini-Safe Spring Break Resource Fair – Student Housing	3/12/2024	Outreach	95
Health Updates presentation - Alcohol and Aware, Awake, Alive alcohol poisoning prevention – Oasis Wellness Center	3/28/2024	Workshop	3
Standard Drink Activity and Aware, Awake, Alive info.	4/2/2024	Outreach	25
Earth Fair- Aware, Awake, Alive information	4/25/2024	Outreach	80
Tips for Celebrating Safer Instagram post	5/15/2024	Social media	312
Upward Bound Mentors: ATOD information	6/13/2024	Workshop	8
Upward Bound Mentors: ATOD information	6/20/2024	Workshop	15
Klotz SHC presentation includes Aware Awake Alive, fentanyl, and NARCAN info. – CSUN Mentorship Program	7/9/2024	Workshop	15
Resident Advisor Training - Student Housing	8/13/2024	Workshop	50
Health at CSUN presentation includes alcohol and cannabis education (2) – HSCI 132 class	9/9/2024	Workshop	70
Matadors4Wellness - Matador Nights USU, Aware Awake Alive info.	9/13/2024	Outreach	700
Matadors4Wellness - Matador Nights USU mocktail distribution	9/10/2024	Social media	1,098 – as of 3/21/25
Health at CSUN presentation includes alcohol and cannabis education – URBS 150 class	9/17/2024	Workshop	30
Health at CSUN presentation includes alcohol and cannabis education – URBS 150 class	9/19/2024	Workshop	45
AOD outreach social media post; standard drink size activity	10/21/2024	Social media	844 – as of 3/21/25
Matadors4Wellnes ATOD awareness event	10/23/2024	Outreach	45
MATAspire Wellness Wonderland	11/5/2024	Outreach	86
Great American Smoke-Out event - Klotz SHC Tobacco Cessation services, and What’s in a quit kit?	11/13/2024	Outreach	38
Great American Smoke-Out social media post; Benefits of Quitting Smoking	11/21/2024	Social media	360 – as of 3/21/25
CSUN Naloxone (NARCAN) trainings	2024	Online	170
NARCAN units (68) and fentanyl test strips (266) distributed from the Klotz SHC Pharmacy	2024	In-person	N/A
Matadors4Wellness workshops (17) - includes Aware, Awake, Alive, fentanyl, and NARCAN information	2024	Workshop	368
U100 Classes (80) - Klotz Student Health Center orientation includes Aware Awake Alive info.	2024	Presentation	1,724
eCHECKUP To Go – Alcohol self-assessment/feedback and education	2024	Online, self-paced	417
eCHECKUP To Go – Cannabis self-assessment/feedback and education	2024	Online, self-paced	22

**2025**

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Type/Contact</b>	<b># Students</b>
Super Bowl mocktails, Aware, Awake, Alive information	2/6/2025	Social media	413 – as of 3/21/25
ATOD Presentation, HSCI 231 class	2/27/2025	Workshop	40
Safe Spring Break; Mocktails distributed; NARCAN Information; Aware, Awake, Alive wallet-sized cards	3/4/2025	Social media	463 – as of 3/21/25
Safe Spring Break Resource Fair, standard drink size activity, mocktail kits, party smart tips	3/5/2025	Outreach	180
Health at CSUN presentation includes alcohol and cannabis education – Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority	3/10/2025	Workshop	80
St. Patrick's Day; Aware, Awake, Alive messaging	3/14/2025	Social media	355 – as of 3/21/25
Safe Spring Break; Safer partying tips reminders	3/18/2025	Social media	415 – as of 3/21/25
Health at CSUN presentation includes alcohol and cannabis education – URBS 150 class	3/27/2025	Workshop	50
Matadors4Wellness ATOD Awareness Event- Mocktails, Aware, Awake, Alive	4/2/2025	Outreach	12
CSUN Naloxone (NARCAN) Training	2025 - to date	Online	31
NARCAN Units (21) and fentanyl test strips (45) distributed from the Klotz SHC Pharmacy	2025 - to date	In-person	N/A
Matadors4Wellness Workshops (14) - includes Aware, Awake, Alive, fentanyl, and NARCAN information	2025 - to date	Workshop	154
U100 Classes (6) - Klotz Student Health Center orientation includes Aware Awake Alive info.	2025 - to date	Presentation	165

### **Sexual Violence Prevention**

The California State University (CSU) is committed to maintaining a safe living, learning, and working environment through systemwide policies and a variety of campus educational programs provided to Students and Employees. The CSU prohibits all forms of Sex-based Harassment, including Sexual Harassment, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Stalking, and Retaliation. The CSU provides programs to prevent, educate, and promote awareness of these topics, in accordance with the Nondiscrimination Policy.

Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, and Stalking are also crimes as defined by 34 C.F.R. § 668.46, and California law.

The CSU provides comprehensive, intentional, and integrated programming, initiatives, strategies, and campaigns intended to stop dating violence, domestic violence, sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and stalking before they occur through the promotion of behaviors that foster healthy relationships, encourage safe bystander intervention, and seek to change behavior and social norms in healthy and safe directions.

The CSU's prevention programs and initiatives are sustained over time and focus on increasing awareness and understanding of topics relevant to and skills for addressing dating violence, domestic violence, sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and stalking, using a

range of strategies with audiences throughout the CSU community. This includes both community-wide or audience-specific programming, initiatives, and strategies that increase audience knowledge and share information and resources to prevent violence, reduce perpetration, promote safety and a culture of respect.

Campus programs must include primary prevention and awareness training: (1) for all new Students<sup>11</sup>; and new Employees; (2) refresher programs at least annually for all Students; (3) twice a year for all Students who serve as advisors in residence halls; (4) annually for all Student members of fraternities and sororities; (5) annually for all Student athletes and coaches; and (6) annually for all Employees consistent with their role in responding to and reporting incidents. Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for all Students and Employees will also be conducted. The CSU system will provide online training for all Employees and each campus will provide online training for all Students. All training must be consistent with the applicable CSU policy and state and federal regulations.

Each campus must assess which student organizations participate in activities that may place Students at risk and ensure that they receive annual supplemental training focused on situations the group's members may encounter.

To ensure that all Students receive the necessary information and training enumerated above on dating violence, domestic violence, sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and stalking, campuses should impose consequences such as registration holds on those Students who do not participate in and complete such mandatory training.

### Training for Employees

Each university must include primary prevention and awareness training for Employees, as follows:

1. Within three months of their initial hiring for all new Employees.
2. Annually for all Employees consistent with their role in reporting and responding to incidents.
3. An additional training annually for all athletic coaches and staff.
4. An additional training, twice a year for all Employees who supervise advisors in residence halls or who otherwise have responsibilities for responding to incidents that occur in on-campus housing. This training shall generally occur once during the Fall semester and once during the Spring semester.

Each university must assess data involving Employees, programs, and departments for the purpose of identifying any systemic or other patterns of behavior involving Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence. Where such patterns exist, the university must ensure that Employees receive any additional training, education, and/or corrective measures as deemed appropriate by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. This should include periodic live trainings (in-person or synchronous) for Employee organizations, groups, and other audiences who have been determined to benefit from such training.

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<sup>11</sup> This includes incoming transfer, graduate, online, and extended education Students. The programs should occur no later than the first few weeks of the semester.

1. What constitutes Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Exploitation and Stalking under the Nondiscrimination Policy and applicable state and federal laws.
2. The rights and responsibilities of each Employee relating to Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Exploitation and Stalking including the duty to report and exceptions.
3. The prohibition against Retaliation against individuals who report Discrimination, Harassment, Retaliation, Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Exploitation and Stalking.
4. The procedures provided under the Nondiscrimination Policy for filing, investigating and resolving a complaint.
5. The option and method for filing complaints with external government agencies such as the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), the California Civil Rights Department (CRD) and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Under Cal. Govt. Code § 12950.1, each campus shall provide supervisory Employees at least two hours of interactive sexual harassment training within six months of the Employee's assignment to a supervisory position and every two years thereafter. Each campus shall maintain documentation of the delivery and completion of these trainings. For detailed guidance regarding the definition of "supervisor" and the implementation of this training, campuses shall consult Coded Memoranda HR 2005-35 and other applicable policies.

Ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for all Employees will also be conducted. All prevention education, training, and awareness programs must be consistent with the applicable CSU policy and state and federal regulations.

To ensure that all Employees receive the necessary information and training enumerated above on Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence, universities must track and monitor Employee training completion rates. Universities should follow the procedures in the applicable collective bargaining agreements for Employees who fail to participate in and complete such mandatory training. Employee training completion rates will be assessed by the Chancellor's Office during its regular Civil Rights Compliance Program Review process.

### Prevention and Awareness Programming

The CSU provides primary prevention programs to all incoming students and new employees. The CSU also provides ongoing prevention programs to all students and employees during their time at the institution. To comply with CSU Policy and 34 C.F.R. §668.46., university-specific programs to prevent dating violence, domestic violence, sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and stalking will include:

1. A statement that the CSU prohibits dating violence, domestic violence, sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, and stalking as defined under CSU policy and 34 C.F.R. §668.46.
2. The definitions of "dating violence," "domestic violence," "sexual assault," and "stalking" in the applicable jurisdiction, California (California Penal Code) and the definitions under CSU policy (to also include the CSU policy definition of "sexual exploitation").

3. The definition of “consent,” in reference to sexual activity, in the applicable jurisdiction, California (California Penal Code), and the definition of “affirmative consent” under CSU policy.
4. Common facts and myths about the causes of sexual misconduct/sexual assault.
5. A description of safe and positive options for bystander intervention, as exemplified below.
6. Information on risk reduction, exemplified below.
7. Information regarding campus, criminal, and civil consequences of engaging in acts of sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating and domestic violence, and stalking.
8. Information about reporting, adjudication, and disciplinary procedures as required by 34 C.F.R. §668.46 and as described in the procedures under the CSU Nondiscrimination Policy.

### Information About Campus Reporting, Adjudication, and Discipline Procedures

University training programs will reference the procedures outlined in the Nondiscrimination Policy that govern if an incident of Discrimination, Harassment, or Violence occurred. Training programs will also reference information about preserving evidence, reporting to the appropriate authorities, confidentiality options, available protective and supportive measures.

Each University must apply the applicable CSU policy and procedures when responding to all reports of Discrimination, Harassment or Violence and provide clear, consistent and equitable procedures, prompt and equitable resolution of complaints, and prohibit retaliation. Each University shall establish processes to provide a print and/or digital copy of the “Rights and Options for Victims” as outlined in the Nondiscrimination Policy to any community member who reports experiencing such harm, regardless of whether the incident occurred on or off campus.

University training programs regarding the procedures for reporting and addressing reports of Discrimination, Harassment, or Violence will include the following:

- A statement explaining that the campus' primary concern is the safety of members of the campus community.
- That the use of alcohol or drugs never makes the victim/survivor at fault for Discrimination, Harassment, or Violence.
- Students who experience or witness Discrimination, Harassment, or Violence should not be deterred from reporting incidents out of a concern that they might be disciplined for related violations of drug, alcohol, or other CSU policies.
- Students who experience or witness Discrimination, Harassment, or Violence shall not be subject to discipline for related violations of conduct policies at or near the time of the misconduct unless the violation is egregious (including actions that place the health or safety of any other person at risk or involves plagiarism, cheating, or academic dishonesty.)
- A statement that the Nondiscrimination policy prohibits retaliation<sup>12</sup>
- What someone should do if they have experienced or witnessed Discrimination, Harassment or Violence.
- Individuals to whom incidents may be reported along with information regarding what degree of confidentiality may be maintained by those individuals.

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<sup>12</sup> Retaliation is defined in Article V of the Nondiscrimination Policy

- The availability of, and contact information for, campus and community resources for victims/survivors.
- A description of campus and systemwide policies and disciplinary procedures available for addressing alleged violations and the consequences of violating these policies, including the fact that such proceedings shall:
  - Provide a prompt, fair, and impartial investigation and resolution; and,
  - Be conducted by officials who receive annual training on issues related to sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating or domestic violence, or stalking and how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims/survivors and promotes accountability.
- The fact that the Complainant and the Respondent will be afforded the same opportunities to have others present during a disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the Advisor of their choice.
- The fact that both the Complainant and the Respondent shall be simultaneously informed in writing of:
  - The outcome of any disciplinary proceedings that arises from an allegation of a sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating or domestic violence, or stalking.
  - The CSU's procedures for the Complainant or Respondent to appeal the results of the disciplinary proceeding.
  - Any change to the disciplinary results that occurs prior to the time such results become final.
  - When disciplinary results become final.
- Possible sanctions or remedies the campus may impose following the final determination of a campus disciplinary procedure regarding Sex-based Harassment, including sexual Harassment, Sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking.
- How the campus will protect the confidentiality of Complainants, including how publicly available records (e.g., campus Clery reports) are maintained without the inclusion of identifying information about the Complainant to the extent permissible by law.
- That all students and employees must receive written notification about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available for victims/survivors, both on campus and in the community.<sup>13</sup>
- That all students and employees who report being a victim/survivor of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking must receive written notification of available assistance in, and how to request changes to academic, living, transportation, and working situations, if requested and if such accommodations are reasonably available, regardless of whether the victim/survivor chooses to report the incident to campus police or local law enforcement.

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<sup>13</sup> California State University Northridge complies with this requirement by providing this information to the campus community in writing each year through CSULearn assignment.

- Procedures victims/survivors are recommended to follow if sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking has occurred, as well as the fact that the following written information must be provided to victims:
  - The importance of preserving evidence following an incident of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, which may also be used to obtain a temporary restraining or other protective order.
  - The name and contact information of the campus Employee(s) to whom the alleged incident should be reported.
  - Reporting to law enforcement and campus authorities, including the option to: (a) notify law enforcement authorities, including on-campus and local police; (b) be assisted by campus authorities in notifying law enforcement authorities if the victim so chooses; and, (c) decline to notify such authorities.
  - Where applicable, the rights of victims/survivors and the campus' responsibilities regarding orders of protection, no contact directives, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court.

## Risk Reduction

The CSU provides community members with information and strategies for risk reduction designed to decrease perpetration of Discrimination, Harassment, and Violence, and to promote bystander intervention and healthy relationships, empower marginalized voices, and support victims/survivors. Information and strategies for risk reduction help promote safety and help individuals and communities address conditions that facilitate violence.

The CSU is committed to maintaining a safe campus for all members of the CSU community. Risk reduction strategies are focused on creating a culture of respect, reducing the risk for perpetration and for victimization. It is important to emphasize that only those who engage in sexual misconduct/sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and stalking are responsible for those actions. With this in mind, an understanding of the following principles promotes a caring community and mitigate personal risk.

### *Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Assault*

- Communication is key to healthy relationships and healthy sexual interactions. Obtain Affirmative Consent from your partner for all sexual activity.
  - Affirmative Consent means an informed, affirmative, conscious, voluntary, and mutual agreement to engage in sexual activity.
  - Engaging in any sexual activity without first obtaining Affirmative Consent to the specific activity is Sexual Misconduct, whether or not the conduct violates any civil or criminal law.
  - Affirmative Consent, once given, can be withdrawn or revoked at any time.
  - Affirmative Consent to sexual activity in the past does not mean consent in future – there must be voluntary consent for all sexual activity.
  - Lack of protest, resistance, or mere silence does not equal Affirmative Consent.
  - Sexual activity between a minor (a person younger than 18 years old) and a person who is at least 18 and two years older than the minor always constitutes Sexual Misconduct, even if the minor consents to the sexual activity.

- Do not engage in sexual activity with someone who is incapacitated.
  - A person who is incapacitated by alcohol or drugs cannot give Affirmative Consent.
  - A person who is unconscious or asleep cannot give Affirmative Consent.
  - A person's own intoxication or incapacitation does not diminish their responsibility to obtain Affirmative Consent from any person with whom they engage in sexual activity.
- Signs that someone does not respect the importance of consent:
  - They pressure or guilt you into doing things you may not want to do.
  - They suggest you "owe" them something (including sexual acts) because you're dating or because they have done or claim to have done something for you.
  - They react negatively with sadness, anger, or resentment if you don't consent to something or don't do so immediately

[Source: [Love Is Respect](#)]

### *Dating and /Domestic Violence*

Common signs of abusive behavior in a relationship:

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, one feature shared by most abusive relationships is that an abusive partner tries to establish or gain power and control through many different methods, at different moments. Even one or two of the following behaviors is a red flag that a partner may be abusive.

- Showing extreme jealousy of friends or time spent away from a partner.
- Preventing or discouraging one's partner from spending time with friends, family members, or peers.
- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming a partner, especially in front of other people.
- Preventing one's partner from making their own decisions about working or attending school.
- Controlling finances in the household without discussion, including taking a partner's money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.
- Pressuring one's partner to have sex or perform sexual acts they are not comfortable with.
- Pressuring a partner to use drugs or alcohol.
- Threatening to harm or take away a partner's children or pets.
- Intimidating one's partner with weapons.
- Destroying a partner's belongings or home.

If you notice warning signs in your relationship or that of someone you care about, remember there are support resources available on your campus, including individuals with whom you can speak confidentially and who can assist you with making a safety plan. A good starting place for a list of resources is your campus Title IX webpage. You can also contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.800.799.SAFE (7233), which is free and confidential.

[Source: National Domestic Violence Hotline]

- Abusive behaviors can be difficult to recognize in a relationship, even if you are the one engaging in them. In addition to some of the common signs of abusive behavior outlined above, ask yourself if your partner:

- o Seems nervous around you,
- o Seems afraid of you,
- o Flinches, cringes, or retreats when you are emotional,
- o Seems scared, or unable to contradict you or speak up around you, and/or
- o Restricts their own interactions with friends, family, coworkers, or others in order to avoid upsetting you

If you recognize the behaviors above in yourself, or in how your partner reacts, these could be signs that you are hurting them. This can be a difficult realization to come to but it's vital that you do so if you want to change and stop harming your partner. By acknowledging that your actions are harmful and taking responsibility for them, you can continue to progress on the path toward correcting them.

Victims of dating/domestic violence, as well as abusive partners, may consider contacting the counseling center on your campus (for students) or the CSU's Employee Assistance Program (for employees) to speak with a counselor confidentially, or you could contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1.800.799.SAFE (7233), which is free and confidential.

[Source: [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)]

### *Stalking*

#### Respecting boundaries

If someone tells you that they do not want you to contact them or do something like visit their home or send them gifts, or if they have stopped interacting with you, respect their choice. Everyone has the right to set boundaries.

#### Recognizing stalking behaviors

A person who engages in stalking may:

- Repeatedly call or send other unwanted communication such as text messages, emails, social media messages, letters, etc.
- Follow the person and seem to "show up" wherever they are.
- Send unwanted gifts.
- Damage home, car, or other property.
- Monitor phone calls or computer use.
- Drive or linger near the home, school, or work of the person they are stalking.
- Use other people to try and communicate with the person they are stalking, like children, family, or friends.

[Source: [Victim Connect Resource Center](#)]

Below are some tips from the Stalking Prevention Awareness and Resource Center (SPARC) regarding steps one can take if they are experiencing stalking

- Trust your instincts – if you/someone feels they are in immediate danger or fear a threat of harm, call 911
- Keep a record or log of each contact with the stalker
- Save evidence when possible, such as emails, text messages, postings on social media, etc.

There are support resources available on each CSU campus, including individuals with whom individuals can speak confidentially and who can assist in making a safety plan and/or seeking a protective order. A good starting place for a list of resources is your campus Title IX/DHR webpage.

## Bystander Intervention

The CSU provides training on safe and positive options that may be carried out by an individual or individuals to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking. Bystander intervention includes recognizing situations of potential harm, understanding institutional structures and cultural conditions that facilitate violence, overcoming barriers to intervening, identifying safe and effective intervention options, and taking action to intervene. Information about bystander intervention is included in a variety of prevention, outreach, and awareness programs across the CSU.

Bystander Education encourages employees and students to:

- Notice the Event
- Interpret the Event as a Problem
- Assume Personal Responsibility
- Learn How to Help
- And Step Up by utilizing the “4 Ds” – Direct, Distract, Delegate, and Delay
  - Direct – Directly addressing the situation.
  - Distract – Making a simple (or elaborate) distraction to diffuse the situation.
  - Delegate – Finding someone else to address the concern.
  - Delay – Checking in with the person after to see if you can do anything to support them.

## CSU Policy Definitions

Definitions of conduct that is prohibited under CSU policy are found in [Article V of the Nondiscrimination Policy](#). These definitions are applicable in relation to the University’s administrative process. The Policy definitions for prohibited conduct that may also constitute a crime may differ from the criminal law definitions (California) found in Appendix A.

## Written Notification

The title IX Coordinator will provide Complainants alleging Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence or Stalking, with the information in Attachment D to the CSU Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation - Rights and Options for Victims of Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Dating and Domestic Violence, And Stalking. This same information is provided in writing to all students and employees within the CSU Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation, and as part of annually assigned training.

This written notice (annually to all students and employees, and specifically to complaints as outlined above) includes the information below, including:

- Supportive measures
- Rights and options available throughout the reporting process and/or the duration of any formal or informal complaint resolution process, including campus and criminal reporting

options, available advocates, preserving evidence, medical Care and treatment, and protective orders.

- Existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available

You have the right to be offered and receive reasonably available support services and supportive measures, available both on and off campus. You do not have to file a formal complaint or a criminal complaint in order to receive support services and/or supportive measures. Supportive services and supportive measures include, but are not limited to, counseling, victim/survivor advocates, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escort services, restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The Title IX Coordinator, University Police Department and victim/survivor advocate on your campus can provide some of these services directly and/or provide you with information about and a referral to these and additional resources on and off campus for support.

### Supportive Measures

Supportive Measures are individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the Complainant or Respondent regardless of whether a Formal Complaint is filed. Supportive Measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to CSU education programs or activities, or the workplace without unreasonably burdening the other Party, including to protect the safety of all Parties or the educational or work environment. Supportive Measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course or work-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escorts, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of Supportive Measures. Supportive Measures will remain confidential except when it is not possible to maintain confidentiality in order to provide the Supportive Measures.

The following is a list of on-campus and off-campus resources that offer a variety of services in the areas of victim advocacy, counseling, health, mental health, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid and other areas. Campus advocates can help provide information about and referral to any of these resources if requested. These resources are available to victims/survivors whether or not they choose to make a criminal or administrative report.

Regardless of whether a victim/survivor decides to maintain confidentiality, these individuals will still assist victims/survivors in receiving other necessary protection and support, such as victim advocacy, medical, mental health services, and/or legal services. However, these individuals may have limited ability to assist a victim/survivor with university academic support or accommodations, or changes to university-based living or working schedules, as such accommodations likely require the involvement of other University officials.

To speak with someone about accessing supportive measures from the Office of Equity and Compliance, please reach out via:

- Email: [equityandcompliance@csun.edu](mailto:equityandcompliance@csun.edu)
- Phone: 818-677-2077
- In person: Campus Store Complex, Room 220

**Supportive Resources (Confidential and Non-Confidential)  
Confidential Resources On-Campus**

<i>Resource Name</i>	<i>Type of Services</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
Campus Care Advocates	Confidential supportive services and advocacy for victims of sexual violence, dating/domestic violence, and stalking.  Available for staff, students, and faculty.	Phone: 818-677-7492 Email: <a href="mailto:careadvocates@csun.edu">careadvocates@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/strength-united/care-advocate">https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/strength-united/care-advocate</a>
University Counseling Services	Individual counseling and mental health support services; support groups; peer programs.  Available for active students.	Phone: 818-677-2366 Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/counseling">https://www.csun.edu/counseling</a>
Klotz Student Health Center	Provides clinical services at little to no cost. In-house and telehealth services include primary care, sports medicine, nutritional counseling, and birth control education. Also offer specialty services such as chiropractic care, dental services, acupuncture, and physical therapy.  Available for active students	Phone: 818-677-3666 Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/shc">https://www.csun.edu/shc</a>
Student Legal Support Clinic A collaboration with Southwestern Law School's Lawyering Clinic	The Clinic is committed to assisting all CSUN students gain access to legal services for any legal issue. For cases that fall outside of the scope of our representation, we provide CSUN students with a legal empowerment plan, which includes their legal rights as well as referrals to reputable pro-bono or low-cost legal services.  Available to active students	Phone: 213-738-5728 Email: <a href="mailto:communitylawyering@swlaw.edu">communitylawyering@swlaw.edu</a> Make an appointment: <a href="https://slotted.co/slsc">https://slotted.co/slsc</a> Website: <a href="https://w2.csun.edu/as/services/student-legal-support-clinic">https://w2.csun.edu/as/services/student-legal-support-clinic</a>
LifeMatters@CSUN	Employee Assistance Program available every day, 24 hours a day to discuss employee life needs and the needs of their family members, with up to three (3) free sessions on a	Phone: 1-800-367-7474 Website: <a href="https://www.mylifematters.com">https://www.mylifematters.com</a>

	<p>per matter basis. If additional assistance is needed, counselors can provide referrals, taking into consideration the employee's preferences, medical plan and financial circumstances.</p> <p>Available to all CSUN employees (including student employees)</p>	
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### Non-Confidential Resources On-Campus

<i>Resource Name</i>	<i>Type of Services</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
Office of Equity and Compliance	<p>Reporting office for all matters under the CSU Nondiscrimination Policy, including discrimination; harassment; sexual harassment, exploitation, or misconduct; dating or domestic violence; stalking; prohibited consensual relationships; and retaliation.</p> <p>Available for students, employees, and third-parties.</p>	<p>Name: La Shonda Coleman, Assistant Vice President, Equity and Compliance Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator Phone: 818-677-2077 Email: <a href="mailto:equityandcompliance@csun.edu">equityandcompliance@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://w2.csun.edu/office-equity-and-compliance">https://w2.csun.edu/office-equity-and-compliance</a></p>
Student Conduct and Ethical Development; Student Affairs	<p>Reporting office for student misconduct, academic dishonesty, and student support needs for all members of the CSUN Community.</p> <p>Available for students.</p>	<p>Name: Dr. Zeina Otaky-Ramirez, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Student Conduct and Ethical Development Phone: 818-677-5597 Email: <a href="mailto:zeina.ramirez@csun.edu">zeina.ramirez@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/studentaffairs/">https://www.csun.edu/studentaffairs/</a></p>
Financial Aid & Scholarship Department	<p>Promotes access to higher education by delivering accurate funding to eligible students in a timely manner. Educates students through outreach and counseling about life-skills and how to access and manage resources.</p>	<p>Phone: 818-677-4085 Email: <a href="mailto:financial.aid@csun.edu">financial.aid@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/financialaid">https://www.csun.edu/financialaid</a> Scholarships Phone: 818-677-4907 Email: <a href="mailto:scholarships@csun.edu">scholarships@csun.edu</a></p>
International and Exchange Student Center	<p>Provides services to newly admitted and continuing international F-1 and J-1 visa students, Fulbright students and participants of the study abroad program and National Student Exchange (NSE).</p>	<p>Name: Jessica Skanes, Department Coordinator Phone: 818-677-4177 Email: <a href="mailto:jessica.skane@csun.edu">jessica.skane@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/international">https://www.csun.edu/international</a></p>

DREAM Center	<p>A welcoming resource center that provides resources and services to undocumented students, mixed status families, staff, faculty, allies and future undocumented students while fostering a more inclusive campus community.</p> <p>Available to CSUN community members.</p>	<p>Name: Irvin Rendon, Manager  Phone: 818-677-7069  Email: <a href="mailto:dreamcenter@csun.edu">dreamcenter@csun.edu</a>  Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/dreamcenter">https://www.csun.edu/dreamcenter</a></p>
CSUN with A HEART (CSUN Basic Needs)	<p>Provide a comprehensive network of resources and services to support basic needs; including housing stability, food aid, emergency financial support, and more; both on and off-campus.</p> <p>Available for students and other CSUN community members.</p>	<p>Name: Maria Elizondo, Director  Phone: 818-677-6331  Email: <a href="mailto:basicneeds@csun.edu">basicneeds@csun.edu</a>  Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/heart">https://www.csun.edu/heart</a></p>
Disability Resource and Education Services (DRES)	<p>Provides services for students seeking accommodations in the classroom and accessing campus facilities.</p> <p>Accommodations for students, training provided for staff and faculty.</p>	<p>Name: Jodi Johnson, Director  Phone: 818-677-2684  Email: <a href="mailto:dres@csun.edu">dres@csun.edu</a>  Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/dres">https://www.csun.edu/dres</a></p>
National Center on Deafness (NCOD)	<p>Provides communication access, leadership opportunities, scholarships, and direct communication classes for students who are deaf and hard of hearing. Registering with NCOD allows students to receive access services such as interpreting, speech-to-text transcription, note-taking, tutoring, and academic advisement as well as priority registration.</p> <p>Available for students who are deaf and hard of hearing.</p>	<p>Name: Cathy McLeod, Director  Telephone: 818-677-7069  Videophone: 818-435-3887  Email: <a href="mailto:ncod@csun.edu">ncod@csun.edu</a>  Website: <a href="https://w2.csun.edu/ncod">https://w2.csun.edu/ncod</a></p>
Parent Scholars Resource Center	<p>Operates virtually through a Parent Scholars Virtual Hub on zoom and a canvas site. Information on this canvas site might be most helpful for those who are current CSUN students</p>	<p>Email: <a href="mailto:psrc@csun.edu">psrc@csun.edu</a>  Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/as/services/parent-scholar-resources">https://www.csun.edu/as/services/parent-scholar-resources</a>  Enroll: <a href="https://canvas.csun.edu/enroll/C637R3">https://canvas.csun.edu/enroll/C637R3</a></p>

	and primary caregivers of children under the age of 18.	
Pride Center	Supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA+) students, faculty and staff through programming and educational outreach to improve the campus climate for LGBTQIA+ individuals as well as advocate for the respect and safety of all members of the campus community.	Name: Martel Okonji, Manager Phone: 818-677-4355 Email: <a href="mailto:pride@csun.edu">pride@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://w2.csun.edu/pride">https://w2.csun.edu/pride</a> <a href="https://w2.csun.edu/pride/resources">https://w2.csun.edu/pride/resources</a>
Veteran Resource Center	Assist students as they transition from military service to academic success. The VRC promotes the academic, personal and professional development of student veterans, reservists, members of the National Guard and their dependents through supportive services, resources and community building events.	Name: Robert Graves, Manager Phone: 818-677-4672 Email: <a href="mailto:vrc@csun.edu">vrc@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://w2.csun.edu/vrc">https://w2.csun.edu/vrc</a>
Women's Research and Resource Center	Serves as a place where students on campus and in the community can find resources and services.	Name: Shira Brown, Director Phone: 818-677-2780 Email: <a href="mailto:wrrc@csun.edu">wrrc@csun.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/womens-research-resource-center">https://www.csun.edu/womens-research-resource-center</a>

### Law Enforcement Resources

<i>Resource Name</i>	<i>Type of Services</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
CSUN Department of Police Services	The Department of Police Services is a full-service, accredited law enforcement agency that provides police and emergency services to the university community and is open 24 hours a day/seven days a week. The department is located at the corner of Darby and Prairie Streets, just west of the B3 parking structure.  Available for students, employees, and visitors to the campus.	Address: 9222 Darby Avenue, Northridge, CA 91325 Emergency call or text: 911 Non-emergency Line (24-hours): 818-677-2111 We Tip Hotline: 818-677-TIPS (8477) Website: <a href="https://www.csun.edu/police">https://www.csun.edu/police</a>
Los Angeles Police Department – Devonshire Police Station	Los Angeles Police Department division serving the Northridge area.	Address: 10250 Etiwanda Avenue, Northridge, CA 91325 Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 818-832-0633 TTY/TDD: 818-832-0665

		Website: <a href="https://www.lapdonline.org/lapd-contact/valley-bureau/devonshire-community-police-station/">https://www.lapdonline.org/lapd-contact/valley-bureau/devonshire-community-police-station/</a>
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – Northridge Station	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department serving Los Angeles County	Phone: 213-229-1700 Website: <a href="https://lasd.org/">https://lasd.org/</a>

**Community, National, Global Resources**

*For additional resources, please visit this [confidential and medical resources list](#).*

<i>Resource Name</i>	<i>Type of Services</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
Strength United	Strength United serves the community. Survivors of violence and abuse can call their 24-hour hotline to speak with a trained advocate. They also provide referrals to helpful community resources.	24/7 Support, Referral and Crisis Response Line: San Fernando Valley: 818-886-0453 Santa Clarita Valley: 661-253-0258 Website <a href="https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/strength-united">https://www.csun.edu/eisner-education/strength-united</a> Address: 14651 Oxnard Street, Van Nuys, CA 91411
Rape Treatment Center	The Rape Treatment Center provides comprehensive treatment for sexual assault victims and their families, including 24-hour emergency medical care, forensic examinations and crisis counseling.	Phone: 424-259-7208 Website: <a href="https://www.uclahealth.org/medical-services/rtc">https://www.uclahealth.org/medical-services/rtc</a> Address: 1250 Sixteenth St. Santa Monica, CA 90404
YWCA Greater Los Angeles	The YWCA Greater Los Angeles Sexual Assault Services provides comprehensive services for all survivors of sexual assault, rape, human sex trafficking, and other forms of sexual violence.	24/7 Hotline: 877-943-5778 Website: <a href="https://www.ywcagla.org/sacs">https://www.ywcagla.org/sacs</a>
Haven Hills	Support and shelter for victims of domestic violence.	24/7 Crisis Line: 818-887-6589 Office Phone: 818-887-7481 Email: <a href="mailto:safe@havenhills.org">safe@havenhills.org</a> Website: <a href="https://havenhills.org/">https://havenhills.org/</a>
Peace Over Violence	The Los Angeles Rape and Battering hotline is a confidential non-judgmental resource	24/7 LA Rape & Battering Hotline: West San Gabriel Valley: 626.793.3385 South Los Angeles: 310.392.8381 Central Los Angeles: 213.626.3393

	where staff and volunteers are available to provide emotional support, advocacy, information and referrals. If you or someone you care about has been a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence or intimate partner stalking, please call our 24-hour crisis line.	LA Video Phone: (ASL) 213.785.2684   213.785.2749 Pasadena Video Phone: (ASL) 626.243.7972 Website: <a href="https://www.peaceoverviolence.org/">https://www.peaceoverviolence.org/</a>
Valley Oasis	Support and shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.	Shelter 24/7 Hotline: 661-945-6736 Email: <a href="mailto:firststep@avdvc.org">firststep@avdvc.org</a> Sexual Assault Response Services 24/7 Hotline: 661-723-7273 Website: <a href="http://www.valleyoasis.org/">http://www.valleyoasis.org/</a>
YWCA Glendale & Pasadena	<b>Offers residential and non-residential programs to support survivors' safety and healing.</b>	24/7 Hotline: 888-999-7511 Website: <a href="https://ywcagp.org/domestic-violence-supportive-services">https://ywcagp.org/domestic-violence-supportive-services</a>
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California	The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) defends the fundamental rights outlined in the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.	Legal intake: 213-977-5253 Jails project intake: 213-977-9543 Email: <a href="mailto:info@aclusocal.org">info@aclusocal.org</a> Website: <a href="https://www.aclusocal.org/">https://www.aclusocal.org/</a>
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA)	Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles seeks to achieve equal justice for people living in poverty across Greater Los Angeles. We change lives through direct representation, systems change, and community education.	Phone: 800.399.4529 Website: <a href="https://lafla.org/">https://lafla.org/</a>
Survivor Justice Center	Survivor Justice Center Secures Justice for Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault and Empowers them to Create their own Futures.	Phone: 323-980-3500 Email: <a href="mailto:info@survivorjusticecenter.org">info@survivorjusticecenter.org</a> Website: <a href="https://www.survivorjusticecenter.org/">https://www.survivorjusticecenter.org/</a>

San Francisco Office Office of Civil Rights – U.S. Department of Education	Federal Investigatory Entity to Contact to file Complaints of Civil Rights violations in Higher Education	Email: <a href="mailto:ocr.sanfrancisco@ed.gov">ocr.sanfrancisco@ed.gov</a> Phone: 415-486-5555 TDD: 800-877-8339 Address: 50 United Nations Plaza, Mail Box 1200, Room 1545, San Francisco, CA 94102
National Domestic Violence Hotline	Serves <u>all</u> those impacted by relationship abuse 24/7 confidentially.	24/7 Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) TTY: 1-800-787-3224 Text: START to 88788 Website: <a href="https://www.thehotline.org/">https://www.thehotline.org/</a>
National Human Trafficking Hotline	Supports individuals who are a victim of human trafficking.	24/7 Confidential Line: 888-373-7888 TTY: 711 Text BEFREE or HELP: 233733 Chat: <a href="https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/chat">https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/chat</a> Website: <a href="https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en">https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en</a>
National Sexual Assault Hotline	National network supporting victims/survivors of sexual assault and abuse. 24/7 free and confidential hotline and chat services.	24/7 Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673) Chat available: <a href="https://rainn.org/">https://rainn.org/</a> Website: <a href="https://rainn.org/">https://rainn.org/</a>
U.S. Department of State – Office of Overseas Citizens Services	Assist victims/survivors who are overseas with local and/or US-based resources for victims of crime, including local legal representation.	From the US or Canada: 1-(888)-407-4747  From overseas: +1-(202)-501-4444  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/emergencies.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/emergencies.html</a>

## Reporting Options

### Reporting to University Administration

Complaints of discrimination, harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and stalking may be addressed through the University administrative process<sup>14</sup>. A complainant or reporting party can report an incident to the University by contacting the Title IX Coordinator on their campus. A complainant has the right to have a support person present with them while making a complaint.

The University will protect the privacy of everyone involved in a report to the greatest degree possible under applicable law and University policy. Personally identifiable information about the involved parties will be shared only on a need-to-know basis, e.g., to those who are investigating/adjudicating the report or those involved in providing support services. By only sharing personally identifiable information with individuals on a need-to-know basis, the University will maintain as confidential any supportive measures and remedies provided to the

<sup>14</sup> See page #53.

parties, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the University to provide supportive measures and remedies.

The CSU does not publish the name of victims/survivors or other identifiable information regarding victims/survivors in the Daily Crime Log or in the crime statistics that are disclosed in the *Annual Security and Fire Safety Report*. Furthermore, if a Timely Warning is issued on the basis of a report of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, or stalking, the name of and other personally identifiable information about the victim/survivor will be withheld.

### **The importance of preserving evidence**

Victims/survivors are encouraged to preserve all physical evidence, including but not limited to: clothing worn during the assault, bed sheets, and/or photos of any injuries. This evidence may be helpful in proving that a crime occurred, in the event the victim/survivor chooses to report now or in the future. It may also be helpful in obtaining a court-ordered protective or restraining order. If a victim/survivor does not have any evidence preserved, they still have an option to report the crime and request a medical evidentiary examination.

Victims/survivors of sexual misconduct, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, dating violence and domestic violence are also encouraged to preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, pictures, logs or other copies of documents that may be useful to University investigators or police should the victim/survivor decide to report now or in the future.

### **Reporting to law enforcement and making a criminal report**

If your physical safety is at imminent risk, we encourage you to seek immediate assistance from the police.

Some forms of misconduct prohibited under the Nondiscrimination Policy may also be prohibited by law. You have a right to be informed of law enforcement options and information regarding the availability of a criminal or civil prosecution for victims of crime.

It is a victim's/survivor's choice to report a crime. You have the right to report or decline to report an incident to law enforcement. You have the right to not be forced, coerced, or pressured into reporting to law enforcement.

A victim/survivor may report an incident to law enforcement at any time. In the event of an emergency where immediate assistance is required, a victim/survivor should dial 9-1-1 to be connected with the nearest police department. If there is no emergency, victims/survivors can file a police report at any time in the jurisdiction where the assault occurred. A confidential victim advocate can assist the victim/survivor in filing the report if requested.

Victims/survivors of crimes such as sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, abuse, threats of abuse and/or serious harassment all have a right to petition the court in the appropriate jurisdiction for a protective order (also referred to as a restraining order).

Your Campus Advocate, University Police Department and Title IX Coordinator are all able to provide you with more information about pursuing criminal prosecution, civil prosecution and/or protective orders.

A victim/survivor of specific offenses [enumerated in California Government Code section 7923.615(b)(1)] has the right to request to be listed as a confidential victim in a law enforcement agency's report. Being listed as a confidential victim in a law enforcement agency's report prevents the law enforcement agency from disclosing the confidential victim's name and address as a matter of public record. However, the confidential victim's information can be released to the prosecutor, parole officers of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, hearing officers of the parole authority, probation officers of county probation departments, or other persons or public agencies where authorized or required by law. Please see California Penal Code section 293 for more information.

Employees of the University Police Department have a duty to report to the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator any time they know or have reason to know of incidents that may violate this Nondiscrimination Policy, so that the Title IX Coordinator or DHR Administrator can carry out their duties under the law and under this Nondiscrimination Policy. At a minimum, the information to be reported includes all the information authorized to be disclosed under the law in response to records requests, but without requiring a formal request<sup>15</sup>. Such information includes but is not limited to the time, substance, and location of all complaints or requests for assistance received by University Police and the time and nature of the response thereto, including, to the extent the information regarding crimes alleged or committed or any other incident investigated is recorded, the time, date, and location of occurrence, the time and date of the report, the name and age of the victim, the factual circumstances surrounding the crime or incident, the identity of the alleged perpetrator, and a general description of any injuries, property, or weapons involved<sup>16</sup>.

For certain sex offenses<sup>17</sup> the victim has the right to affirmatively request from University Police, after being informed of their options, that the victim's identity remain confidential<sup>18</sup>. However, even if the victim requests confidentiality of identity, the University Police should specifically ask the victim if the victim's name can be provided to the Title IX Office so that the Title IX Coordinator can contact the victim to discuss supportive measures that can be offered. And in all cases, even when the victim requests confidentiality, the identity of the alleged perpetrator (if known) must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator.

## Protective Orders

### Civil reporting options & protective orders

A victim/survivor may choose to file a civil lawsuit against the alleged offender, whether or not criminal charges have been filed. A civil lawsuit provides an opportunity to recover actual money

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<sup>15</sup> See Government Code 7923.615

<sup>16</sup> See Government Code 7923.615

<sup>17</sup> See Penal Code Sections 220, 261, 261.5, 262, 264, 264.1, 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266e, 266f, 266j, 267, 269, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.2, 288.3, 288.4, 288.5, 288.7, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, 646.9, or 647.6.

<sup>18</sup> Additionally, the confidential victim's information can be released to the prosecutor, parole officers of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, hearing officers of the parole authority, probation officers of county probation departments, or other persons or public agencies where authorized or required by law. Please see California Penal Code section 293 for more information.

damages, which may include compensation for medical expenses, lost wages, pain, suffering and emotional distress. An Advocate can assist a victim/survivor with identifying the necessary steps and processes for filing a lawsuit if requested.

### **Court-Ordered Restraining Orders**

A victim/survivor may choose to obtain a restraining order (such as a domestic violence restraining order or a civil harassment restraining order). Restraining orders must be obtained from a court in the jurisdiction where the incident occurred. Restraining orders can help protect a victim/survivor who has experienced or is reasonably in fear of physical violence, sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking.

### **Emergency Protective Order (EPO)**

An Emergency Protective Order (EPO) is a type of restraining order that only law enforcement can ask for by calling a judge. Typically, this is done by an officer responding to the scene of a domestic violence incident. Judges are available to issue EPOs 24 hours a day. The EPO takes effect immediately and can last up to seven calendar days. The judge can order the alleged abuser to leave the domicile and stay away from the victim and their children for up to a week. This provides the victim with time to go to court to request a temporary restraining order.

### **Temporary Domestic Violence Restraining Order (TRO)**

A TRO is a type of protective order. In order to obtain one, the victim/survivor must fill out paperwork explaining the facts and why a protective order is needed. If a judge agrees that protection is needed, the judge will issue a temporary restraining order. Temporary restraining orders usually last until the court hearing date, typically 20 to 25 days after the petition is filed.

### **Criminal Protective Order (CPO)**

When there is a claim that a domestic violence incident occurred, a criminal charge (or charges) may be filed by a prosecutor (such as the City Attorney or District Attorney) against the person who allegedly committed the criminal act. The prosecutor commonly asks a judge to issue a Criminal Protective Order while the criminal case proceeds. A CPO typically requires the defendant (the person who allegedly committed the criminal act) to stay away from and not to hurt, threaten, or communicate with the victim/accuser. If the defendant is convicted of or pleads guilty to the criminal charge(s), the CPO may last for up to ten years after the case is over.

### **Civil Harassment Restraining Order**

This type of court order is available to individuals who have been harassed by any of the following: a neighbor, roommate (as long as no dating/romantic relationship existed or exists), friend, family member more than two degrees removed (e.g., an aunt/uncle, niece/nephew, cousin, or more distant relative), stranger, or another person not closely related to the victim of the harassment.

An individual who has been civilly harassed by a current or former spouse/partner, or someone with whom a dating/romantic relationship existed, or a close relative (parent, child, brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, in-law) may qualify for a domestic violence restraining order but would not qualify for a civil harassment restraining order.

### **The CSU, Restraining Orders and Protective Orders**

The CSU complies with California law in recognizing restraining orders and protective orders. If you obtain a restraining order a copy should be provided to your campus Police Department. In order to comply with the restraining order, Title IX Coordinators, DHR Administrators, Advocates and/or the University Police Department on your campus may assist with setting up escorts, establishing

special parking arrangements, changing classroom or employment locations, or additional measures as needed. Victim/Survivor Advocates on your campus can offer assistance with obtaining a restraining order.

### Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary procedures for sexual misconduct/sexual assault, sexual exploitation, dating and domestic violence, and stalking will provide a prompt, fair, and impartial process and resolution, outlined in the following excerpts from the [CSU Nondiscrimination Policy](#).<sup>19</sup> As required by law, the excerpts in this Annual Security Report capture the steps, decisionmakers, and anticipated timelines for both formal and informal resolution processes, as applicable. For details beyond the steps, decisionmakers, and anticipated timelines, please see the policy. The campus Title IX Coordinator is the designated administrator to receive reports of Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Retaliation.

**California State University, Northridge** has designated La Shonda Coleman, Assistant Vice President of Equity and Compliance, as its campus Title IX Coordinator to monitor and oversee issues of sexual misconduct and gender-based discrimination and harassment. The Title IX Coordinator is available to explain and discuss:

- The right to file a criminal complaint;
- The University's administrative complaint and investigation process;
- How confidentiality is handled; available resources, both on and off campus; and other related matters.

Complaints alleging violations of the Nondiscrimination Policy can be submitted via:

- Email: [equityandcompliance@csun.edu](mailto:equityandcompliance@csun.edu)
- Phone: 818-677-2077
- In person: Campus Store Complex, Room 220

Complaints alleging violations of this Nondiscrimination Policy against a President, Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator, the Chancellor, or member of the Board of Trustees will be made to the Office of Civil Rights Programming & Services at [CO-Complaints@calstate.edu](mailto:CO-Complaints@calstate.edu). Any person may report an alleged violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy.

Reports may be made at any time, and individuals are encouraged to report an alleged violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy regardless of how much time has passed. The University's ability to interview witnesses and otherwise investigate or act, however, may be limited by various factors, including the passage of time, fading witness memories, and/or preservation of evidence. In all cases, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator is available to discuss Supportive Measures with the Complainant at any time, regardless of how much time has passed since the incident described in the report.

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<sup>19</sup> Track 1: The Federal Mandated Hearing Process ("Track 1") is applicable instead of the processes under the Interim CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Student Respondent Procedures and the Interim CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Employee and Third-Party Respondent Procedures for cases that are defined by the 2020 Title IX Federal Regulations as sexual harassment in an education program or activity against a person (including, but not limited to students and employees) in the United States. Track 1 procedures are attached in Appendix B.

The University's primary concern is the safety of the campus community. Any person who reports an alleged violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy should discuss any concerns about safety with the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator

The Nondiscrimination Policy prohibits Retaliation. If a Student or Employee is reluctant to report because they fear Retaliation, they should discuss their concerns with the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator as soon as possible.

Any Student who participates as a Complainant or witness in a Complaint process (including investigation or hearing) relating to Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking will not be disciplined for related violations of the Standards for Student Conduct at or near the time of the incident, unless the University determines that the violation was egregious. The University may, however, take other appropriate action including having an educational discussion with the Student. Egregious conduct includes, but is not limited to, action that places the health or safety of any other person at risk or involves plagiarism, cheating, or academic dishonesty.

### Applicable Complaint Procedures

The CSU has adopted grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of Complaints made by Students, Employees, designated officials, or other individuals who are participating or attempting to participate in its education programs, activities, or employment and allege any action that would be prohibited by this Nondiscrimination Policy. The following describes the appropriate procedures for investigating or resolving Complaints that fall under this Nondiscrimination Policy for Complaints that allege conduct that occurred on or after August 1, 2024.

- A. Track 1 (Federal Mandated Hearing Process) attached to this document (see Appendix B) sets out the procedures that will apply to Complaints against a Student, Employee, Third Parties, and/or Student-Employees where the alleged conduct:
  - i. Meets the definition of Sexual Harassment as defined in Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy (also defined in Track 1, Article II.K); and
  - ii. Occurred in the United States; and
  - iii. Occurred in an education program or activity at the university, as defined in Track 1, Article II.E.
- B. Where Track 1 does not apply: For Complaints against a Student, the [CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Student Respondent Procedures](#) apply.
- C. Where Track 1 does not apply: For Complaints against Employees, Third Parties, and/or Student-Employees (where the alleged conduct arose out of their status as an Employee and not their status as a Student), the [CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Employee or Third-Party Respondent Procedures](#) apply.
- D. Complaints against a President, Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, the Chancellor, or member of the Board of Trustees.
  - i. Where Track 1 does not apply: Complaints against a President, Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, the Chancellor, or member of the Board of Trustees

will be processed under the [CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Employee or Third-Party Respondent Procedures](#).

- ii. Complaints against the Chancellor or member of the Board of Trustees shall be made to the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator at the Chancellor's Office.
  - a. If it is alleged that the Chancellor or a member of the Board of Trustees directly engaged in conduct that violates this Nondiscrimination Policy, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator at the Chancellor's Office shall inform the chair or vice chair of the Board.
  - b. Any other Complaints against the Chancellor or a member of the Board of Trustees (for example, that the Chancellor or member of the Board of Trustees had no substantial involvement in other than to rely on or approve a recommendation made by another administrator) will be made to and addressed by the Office of Civil Rights Programming & Services at [CO-Complaints@calstate.edu](mailto:CO-Complaints@calstate.edu).
- iii. Complaints alleging violations of this Nondiscrimination Policy against a President or Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator shall be made to the Office of Civil Rights Programming & Services at [CO-Complaints@calstate.edu](mailto:CO-Complaints@calstate.edu).
  - a. If the President or Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator's role in the alleged incident was limited to a decision on a recommendation made by another administrator, and the President or Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator had no other substantial involvement in the matter, the Complaint shall be processed by the Campus.
- iv. When circumstances warrant, the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, or Associate Vice Chancellor for Civil Rights Programming & Services may determine in other cases that a Complaint will be addressed by the Office of Civil Rights Programming & Services at the Chancellor's Office rather than the Campus.

### Simultaneous Written Notification

Communication with the Parties regarding a Complaint, an investigation, or hearing will be sent to their designated CSU campus email address, unless the Party has specifically requested in writing to the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, Investigator, or Hearing Coordinator that communication be sent to a different email address. Communication with Parties who are neither Students nor Employees will be sent to an email address that they provide. Any communications relating to the outcome of an investigation or hearing, including any changes to the outcome or when the outcome becomes final, will be provided in writing to the Complainant and the Respondent at the same time.

### Outreach to Complainant

After receiving a report, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will assess the report and provide outreach to the possible Complainant named in the report. This outreach will include the following:

- a. A statement that the University has received a report of conduct that may be prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Policy (e.g. Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Stalking, Prohibited Consensual Relationship, or Retaliation.)

- b. A description of the role of the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator.
- c. A request for the Complainant to meet with the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, or other designated employee, to discuss the Complainant's options and next steps.
- d. A statement that the Complainant can be accompanied by an Advisor of their choice during any meeting relating to the report and any subsequent Complaint process.
- e. Information regarding counseling, resources, and potential Supportive Measures.
- f. An explanation of how the University responds to reports of Nondiscrimination Policy violations and a description of potential disciplinary consequences.
- g. A summary of the investigation procedures.
- h. A statement regarding the importance of preserving evidence.
- i. A statement that the Complainant may, but is not required to, report to law enforcement any allegations that could constitute criminal behavior.
- j. A statement that retaliation for making a Complaint or participating in a Complaint process is prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Policy.

In addition to the information provided in the outreach communication, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will provide Complainants alleging Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation Dating Violence, Domestic Violence or Stalking, with the information in Attachment D - Rights and Options for Victims of Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Dating And Domestic Violence, And Stalking.

### **Initial Assessment & Intake Meeting**

The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will offer to conduct an intake meeting with any Complainant who responds to outreach communication, or otherwise makes a report of a potential Nondiscrimination Policy violation to discuss the Complainant's options, explain the available processes (including informal resolution and the formal complaint resolution process), and provide information about Supportive Measures. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will consider the need for a follow-up meeting with the Complainant, as appropriate. Any subsequent investigation will include an interview with the Complainant conducted by the assigned investigator. The investigatory interview will be intended to build upon and clarify the information provided during intake.

All persons involved in implementing these procedures (e.g., the campus Title IX Coordinator and any Deputy Title IX Coordinator(s), Investigators, Human Resource Directors and Hearing Officers presiding over hearings) shall have relevant annual training on issues related to Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating and Domestic Violence, and Stalking. Such annual training shall include the CSU complaint processes, as well as the handling, investigation, and analysis of complaints of Sex Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating and Domestic Violence, and Stalking. The annual training shall also address applicable confidentiality issues, especially with respect to the Title IX Coordinator's duty to weigh any victim's request for confidentiality against the duty to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all members of the campus community. For matters involving Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating and Domestic Violence, and Stalking, the training shall also include how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of the person(s) involved and promotes accountability.

The Complainant and Respondent may choose to be accompanied by one Advisor of their choice, who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney or a union representative during meetings or any stage of the Complaint process.

The University will not limit the choice or presence of the Advisor for the Complainant or Respondent in any meeting or proceeding. However, the unavailability of a specific Advisor will not unduly interfere with prompt scheduling.

A Party's Advisor may not answer questions regarding the subject matter of the investigation for the Complainant or the Respondent. However, the Advisor may observe and consult with the Complainant or Respondent.

The Parties also have the right to consult with an attorney, at their own expense, or a union representative at any stage of the process if they wish to do so.

### Confidentiality Requests and Requests Not to Investigate

#### *Confidentiality Requests*

The University will maintain confidentiality of reports, Complaints, and associated processes whenever possible. When necessary, to protect the campus community and to facilitate investigations and/or Supportive Measures, certain information may be shared on a "need-to-know" basis. Therefore, the University cannot guarantee confidentiality.

#### *Requests not to Investigate*

When a Complainant requests that no investigation occur, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will balance the request against the University's duty to provide a safe and non-discriminatory environment for all members of the campus community. In cases where the Complainant does not want to pursue an investigation, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator should inform the Complainant that the ability to take corrective action may be limited.

The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will consider, at a minimum:

- a. The Complainant's request not to proceed with initiation of a Complaint;
- b. The Complainant's reasonable safety concerns regarding initiation of a Complaint;
- c. The risk that additional acts of prohibited conduct would occur if a Complaint is not initiated;
- d. The severity of the alleged prohibited conduct including whether the conduct, if established, would require the removal of a Respondent from campus or imposition of another Disciplinary Sanction to end the alleged prohibited conduct and prevent its recurrence;
- e. Whether the Respondent poses an imminent threat to the campus community, which may include violence, threats of violence, use of a weapon, physical restraints, or unwanted physical contact.
- f. The age and relationship of the Parties, including power imbalance
- g. The scope of the alleged conduct, including information suggesting a pattern (such as multiple or prior reports of misconduct against the Respondent), ongoing conduct, or conduct alleged to have impacted multiple individuals;
- h. Whether the University is able to conduct a thorough investigation and obtain relevant evidence without the Complainant's cooperation;
- i. The availability of evidence to assist a decisionmaker (Investigator or Hearing Officer) in determining whether the alleged prohibited conduct occurred;
- j. Whether the University could end the alleged prohibited conduct and prevent its recurrence without initiating the formal complaint resolution process; and
- k. For Employee Complainants, the University will also consider its obligation to maintain a safe work environment in determining whether an investigation is necessary.

- a. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will document the basis for the decision to initiate or to not initiate the investigation based on this assessment criteria.

*Decision to Proceed with Complaint*

Based on the assessment criteria above, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator has discretion to initiate an investigation without the Complainant's participation.

When the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator decides to proceed with an investigation without a Complainant's participation, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will make the Complaint on behalf of the University. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will remain neutral in applying the Nondiscrimination Policy and these Procedures. In these cases, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will provide the impacted party with the same notices, updates, and opportunities to participate as the Respondent throughout the investigation and, where applicable, hearing process, unless the impacted party confirms in writing that they do not want to receive these communications and do not wish to participate in the process. The impacted party may rescind this notice at any time in writing to the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator.

When the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator initiates an investigation without the Complainant's participation, the Complainant will be informed in advance of the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator disclosing the Complainant's identity and details of the Complaint or report to the Respondent, or initiating an investigation. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will work with campus partners to take steps to arrange reasonable safety measures for the Complainant if appropriate. At the Complainant's request, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will inform the Respondent that the Complainant asked the University not to investigate or seek discipline.

A Student Complainant will not be required to participate in an investigation if they do not wish to do so.

*Decision not to proceed with investigation:*

If a request for confidentiality or no investigation is granted, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will nevertheless take reasonable steps to limit the effects of the alleged prohibited conduct and prevent its recurrence without initiating formal action against the Respondent or revealing the identity of the Complainant. Examples include increased temporary monitoring, supervision, or security at locations or activities where the alleged misconduct occurred; providing additional training and education materials for students and employees; or conducting climate surveys. Reasonable steps will be taken to provide for the safety of a Complainant while keeping the Complainant's identity confidential as appropriate and if possible. These steps may include changing living arrangements or course schedules, assignments, or tests. The Complainant will be notified that the steps the campus will take may be limited by the request for confidentiality.

## **Supportive Measures**

The University will offer and coordinate Supportive Measures as appropriate for the Complainant and/or Respondent to restore or preserve that person's access to the University's education programs, activities, employment, or to provide support during the University's formal complaint resolution process or during the informal resolution process. Supportive Measures may include, but are not limited to: counseling; extensions of deadlines and other course-related adjustments; changes to employee reporting line; campus escort services; increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus; restrictions on contact applied to one or more Parties; leaves of absence; changes in class, work, housing, or extracurricular or any other activity, regardless of

whether there is or is not a comparable alternative; and training and education programs related to prohibited conduct.

The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will describe and offer Supportive Measures to Complainants during the initial assessment (even if no Complaint is made or the Complaint is ultimately not investigated), and to Respondents during an initial meeting.

The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of Supportive Measures if requested and reasonably available.

#### **Review of Supportive Measures (Applies only to Reports or Complaints of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking)**

A Complainant or Respondent may request modification or reversal of a decision to provide, deny, modify, or terminate Supportive Measures applicable to them.

This request will be reviewed by an appropriate and impartial Employee:

- a) If the original decision about Supportive Measures was made by a person with authority delegated by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, the review will be conducted by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator.
- b) If the original decision about Supportive Measures was made by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, the review will be conducted by a Systemwide Director for Civil Rights.

If the reviewer determines that the decision to provide, deny, modify, or terminate the Supportive Measure was inconsistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy's requirements, expectations, or standards for Supportive Measures, they may modify or reverse the decision. In making this determination, the reviewer should consider:

- a) Do the Supportive Measures unreasonably burden a Complainant or Respondent?
- b) Are the Supportive Measures punitive?
- c) Are the Supportive Measures reasonably available and restore access to the CSU's programs, activities, or employment?
- d) Are the Supportive Measures being offered or provided during the informal resolution process or formal complaint resolution process?

A Complainant or Respondent may also seek additional modification or termination of a Supportive Measure applicable to them if circumstances change materially by contacting the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator.

The University will not share information about any Supportive Measures with anyone other than the person to whom they apply, including informing one Party of Supportive Measures provided to another Party, unless necessary to provide the Supportive Measure or restore or preserve a Party's access to the CSU's education programs, activities, or employment, or when otherwise required by state or federal law.

#### **No-Contact Directives**

No-contact directives may be issued as a Supportive Measure, Remedy, or in connection with an Informal Resolution Agreement, with or without an investigation. When reasonably requested by a Complainant or otherwise needed to protect health and safety or to preserve the integrity of the

investigation, the University will issue an interim no-contact directive, which may be unilateral (prohibiting the Respondent from contacting the Complainant) or mutual (prohibiting the Parties from contacting each other) while the investigation is pending.

No-contact directives that are not part of an Informal Resolution Agreement must meet the following requirements:

1. No-contact directives that limit an individual's movement on a University campus may only be issued where the conduct alleged is egregious or where an objective threat of physical harm exists.
2. A mutual no-contact directive (applicable to both Parties) may only be issued prior to an investigation outcome. Mutual no-contact directives will not be issued automatically. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator must consider, based on the circumstances of each case, whether a mutual no-contact directive is necessary or justifiable to protect the Respondent's safety or well-being, or to address concerns about interference with an investigation.
3. If there is a finding that the Nondiscrimination Policy has been violated and a mutual no-contact directive is already in effect, unless there are extenuating circumstances, the no-contact directive will promptly be converted to a unilateral no-contact directive (applicable only to the Respondent).
4. Any no-contact directive (whether mutual or unilateral) will be delivered to both Parties in writing and will be accompanied by a written explanation of the terms of the directive and the consequences for violating the no-contact directive. A no-contact directive is intended to be temporary and should be periodically assessed to confirm the continued need for, and appropriateness of, its specific terms (conditions), including whether it should be mutual (applicable to both Parties), or unilateral (only applicable to the Respondent).
5. Violations of no-contact directives will be addressed by the campus Student Conduct Administrator in the same manner as any violation of the Student Conduct Code. If the alleged violation of the no-contact directive is itself a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy, the matter will be referred to the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator.

In considering the reasonableness and terms of a requested no-contact directive, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator may consider various factors, including the need expressed by the Complainant or Respondent; the ages of the Parties involved; the nature of the allegations and their continued effects on the Complainant or Respondent; whether the Parties continue to interact directly in the University's education program or activity, including through student employment, shared residence or dining facilities, class, or campus transportation; and whether steps have already been taken to mitigate the harm from the Parties' interactions, such as implementation of a civil protective order.

### **Criminal Complaints and Concurrent Investigations**

Complainants will be informed during the intake meeting of their right to make a criminal complaint with University police or other appropriate law enforcement agencies. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will offer to assist the Complainant and will assure them that filing a criminal complaint will not unreasonably delay the University's investigation. The University will typically not wait until the conclusion of a criminal investigation to begin its own investigation. Although it may be necessary to temporarily delay the investigation while law enforcement is gathering evidence, once notified that law enforcement has completed the fact gathering portion of their

investigation, the University will promptly resume and complete its own investigation. Individuals who first report to University police will be encouraged to also make a Complaint with the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator.

#### *Interim Suspension*

An interim suspension may be considered for a Student Respondent, where there is reasonable cause to believe that interim suspension of that Student is necessary to protect the personal safety of persons within the Campus community or Campus property, and to ensure the maintenance of order during an investigation. Such interim suspensions will be implemented in accordance with the procedures under the Student Conduct Process and will only remain in effect during the Complaint process until determined to be no longer necessary. In determining whether an interim suspension is necessary, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will coordinate with the Student Conduct Administrator to ensure appropriate on-going assessment and implementation occurs.

#### *Transcript Notations*

If a Respondent withdraws, transfers, or disenrolls from the University pending an investigation or disciplinary proceeding concerning a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy, transcript notations may be appropriate and will be addressed under the Student Conduct Process. As appropriate to the situation, the University may place an administrative hold on registration transactions, release of records, and transcripts of a Student who has been sent written notice of a pending investigation or disciplinary matter concerning that Student, and may withhold awarding a degree otherwise earned until the completion of the investigation or disciplinary process, including the completion of all sanctions imposed.

### **Complaints**

When the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator receives a Complaint, they will determine whether to open an investigation after making a preliminary inquiry into the allegations. An investigation may not be warranted where the reported information does not allege facts with enough specificity or include conduct that would, even if true, constitute a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy. These determinations will be documented in writing by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator and maintained in accordance with systemwide records retention policies.

When more than one Complainant or more than one Respondent is involved, references in these Procedures to a Party, Complainant, or Respondent include the plural, as applicable.

#### **Complaints Accepted for Investigation**

Within 10 Working Days of the date of an intake meeting or receipt of a request for investigation from the Complainant (whichever is later), or making a determination that an investigation is necessary without a request from or participation by the Complainant, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will send a Notice of Investigation to the Complainant and Respondent.

#### **Complaint Not Accepted for Investigation**

If the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator determines that the Complaint does not allege a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will, within 10 Working Days of the date of the intake or receipt of a written request for investigation (whichever is later), notify the Complainant in writing that the Complaint will not be investigated without further information. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator may refer the Complaint to another campus office if appropriate and will notify the Complainant of any referral. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR

Administrator will retain a record of the Complaint, the written determination and any referrals made to another campus office.

### Discretionary Dismissal

At any time after a Complaint has been accepted for investigation, it is within the discretion of the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator to dismiss a Complaint, or any part of a Complaint, if:

1. The Complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator in writing that they would like to withdraw the Complaint or any part of it, or
2. If the specific circumstances prevent the University from reasonably gathering evidence necessary to reach a determination as to the Complaint or part of the Complaint.
3. The University will notify the Parties in writing of the dismissal, that a dismissal may be appealed, and will provide the Parties with an opportunity to appeal the dismissal of a Complaint.

The appeal must be submitted within 10 working days from the date of the notice of dismissal. Dismissals may be appealed on the following bases:

- a. Procedural irregularity occurred that would have likely changed the outcome of the decision to dismiss;
- b. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time of the dismissal and would have likely changed the outcome of the decision to dismiss; or
- c. The Title IX Coordinator, investigator, or decision-maker had a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or the individual Complainant or Respondent that would change the outcome.

Appeals will be submitted to the Civil Rights Appeals Unit at the Chancellor's Office and will be addressed to:

Civil Rights Appeals Unit  
Office of the Chancellor  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California 90802  
<mailto:CO-Appeals@calstate.edu>

1. If a Party is unable to submit an appeal or a response to an appeal electronically, they should contact the campus Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator for assistance.
2. When an appeal is submitted, the Civil Rights Appeals Unit will notify the other Party and the campus Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator in writing. The non-appealing Party may submit a written statement in support of or challenging the dismissal no later than 5 Working Days after the notice of appeal. Within 10 Working Days of the Civil Rights Appeals Unit's receipt of the appeal, the Civil Rights Appeals Unit will notify the Parties (via email and at the same time) of its decision.
3. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will not consider evidence that was not introduced to the campus during the Complaint review process unless the new evidence was not reasonably available at the time of the Complaint review.

4. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit has discretion to extend the timelines for the dismissal appeal process for good cause or for any reasons deemed to be legitimate by the Civil Rights Appeals Unit. This includes the time for filing an appeal and the time for the Civil Rights Appeals Unit to respond to the appeal. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will notify the Parties and the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator of any extensions of time granted pertaining to any portion of the appeal process.
5. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit appeal response is final and concludes the discretionary dismissal process under these Procedures.

### Consolidation

The University may consolidate Complaints against more than one Respondent, or by more than one Complainant against one or more Respondents, or by one Party against another Party, when the allegations arise out of the same or substantially similar facts or circumstances. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will determine whether a Complaint should be consolidated (subject to FERPA and other applicable privacy laws). In addition, during the course of the investigation, the investigation may reveal the existence of additional or different violations of the Nondiscrimination Policy, which may also be consolidated following notification to the Parties. Depending on the timing and circumstances, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator retains discretion to resolve Complaints using the same investigator or following the resolution of the initial Complaint, such as through appropriate Disciplinary Sanctions.

### Student Grade Appeals

Grade appeals that allege a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy proceed under the campus procedures per *CSU Grading, Repetition of Courses, Academic Renewal, and Appeals Policy* (or any superseding policy) *and* under these Procedures as follows:

1. The Student will promptly request a grade appeal and note that the grade appeal procedure should be paused until such time as the campus investigation and any appeal process under these Procedures have concluded.
2. The determination whether a violation occurred under the Nondiscrimination Policy will be provided to the campus grade appeal committee, and the committee will be bound by the determination when the grade appeal process resumes.

## Alternative Resolution Process

### Informal Resolution

The Parties may voluntarily choose to participate in an informal resolution process to resolve an alleged violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy. The filing of a formal Complaint is not required to initiate the informal resolution process.

#### General Principles

The Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator has discretion to determine whether it is appropriate to offer an informal resolution process and may decline to allow informal resolution despite the request of one or more of the Parties. Circumstances when the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator may decline to allow informal resolution include but are not limited to a determination that the alleged conduct would present a future risk of harm to others.

The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will conduct or oversee the informal resolution process and conduct an initial and on-going assessment as to whether the process should continue.

Prior to approving an informal resolution, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will consult with the appropriate administrator responsible for discipline.

The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will make the final determination on all informal resolution processes regarding whether the terms agreed to by the Parties are appropriate considering all of the circumstances of the Complaint.

When the informal resolution process is offered, and to the extent necessary, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will also take other appropriate prompt and effective steps to ensure that the alleged violations of the Nondiscrimination Policy do not continue or recur within the University's education programs, activities, or employment.

Neither Party will be required or pressured to participate in an informal resolution process. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator must obtain the Parties' voluntary written consent to participate in the informal resolution process and must not require waiver of the right to an investigation and determination of a Complaint as a condition of enrollment or continuing enrollment, employment or continuing employment, or exercise of any other right.

The person facilitating the informal resolution process must not be the same person as the Investigator or the Hearing Officer in the formal complaint resolution process. A Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator may facilitate the informal resolution process. When the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator facilitates the informal resolution process, they cannot serve as the Investigator. In addition, any informal resolution agreements facilitated by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator must be signed by the assigned Systemwide Director for Civil Rights.

Any person facilitating an informal resolution process will receive appropriate training and must be free from a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent.

*Notice of Informal Resolution Process*

Before beginning the informal resolution process, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will explain in writing to the Parties:

- a. The allegations;
- b. The requirements of the informal resolution process;
- c. That any Party has the right to withdraw from the informal resolution process and begin or continue with the formal complaint resolution process at any time before agreeing to a resolution;
- d. The Parties' right to consult with an Advisor;
- e. Any resolution must be in writing and signed by both Parties and the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator;
- f. That if the Parties agree to a resolution at the end of the informal resolution process, they cannot begin or continue with the formal complaint process in relation to the same allegations;

- g. The potential terms that may be requested or offered in an informal resolution agreement, including notice that an informal resolution agreement is binding only on the Parties; and
- h. What information the University will maintain and whether and how the University could disclose such information for use in the formal complaint resolution process if such procedures begin or resume.

*Potential Terms*

Potential terms that may be included in an informal resolution agreement include, but are not limited to:

- a. Apology, written or verbal;
- b. Relocation or removal from University provided housing, subject to availability;
- c. Changes in academic arrangements, such as changing class sections or locations;
- d. Changes in work schedules or locations;
- e. Limitations on or agreements related to participation in and/or presence in/at events, extracurricular activities, student organizations, recreational facilities, athletics, etc.
- f. Participation in and/or successful completion of alcohol or drug education or counseling;
- g. Participation in counseling services for mental or behavioral health;
- h. Participation in specific educational opportunity or training;
- i. Voluntary educational, mentoring, coaching, or counseling sessions, which may or may not include stipulations, such as proof of successful completion or statement of active participation from the mentor / coach / counselor;
- j. Verbal counseling or warnings;
- k. Collaborative agreements on behavioral or institutional changes;
- l. No-contact directives, or other restrictions on contact, communication, and/or interactions between the Parties;
- m. Restrictions on Respondent's movement or access to specific locations at the University;
- n. Alternative seating arrangements for graduation;
- o. Complainant sharing of an impact statement with the Respondent;
- p. Admission or acceptance of responsibility for causing harm and/or the alleged conduct;
- q. Community service;
- r. Voluntary participation in formal disciplinary action for Respondent;
- s. Restrictions on the Respondent's participation in one or more University programs or activities or attendance at specific events, including restrictions the University could have imposed as Remedies or Disciplinary Sanctions had it determined at the conclusion of the formal complaint resolution process that a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy occurred; or

- t. Other mutually agreed upon outcomes or resolutions.
- Any agreed-upon Remedies and Disciplinary Sanctions agreed to in an informal resolution have the same effect as Remedies given and Disciplinary Sanctions imposed following an investigation or hearing.

#### *Timeframe*

The informal resolution process may take place at any time before a determination of responsibility is made, but no later than 60 Working Days after both Parties provide voluntary, written consent to participate in the informal resolution process. The Parties and the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator may agree to one or more extensions of the 60 Working Day deadline, which will be confirmed in writing. The timeline of the formal complaint resolution process will be paused during the pendency of any informal resolution process.

#### *Written Agreement-Not Subject to Appeal*

The terms of any informal resolution must be in writing and signed by the Parties and the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. Use of electronic signatures is permitted. A signed agreement to an Informal Resolution is final and is not appealable by either Party.

#### *Restrictions on Mediation Between the Parties*

Mediation between the Parties cannot be used, even on a voluntary basis, to resolve Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking Complaints.

### **Acceptance of Responsibility**

The Respondent may, at any time during the investigation or hearing process, prior to an Investigator or Hearing Officer issuing their determination, choose to accept responsibility for the alleged conduct prohibited under the Nondiscrimination Policy.

Before a Respondent accepts responsibility for the alleged misconduct, the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator or designee will discuss with the Respondent that the matter will be referred to the University president or designee for a decision regarding an appropriate Disciplinary Sanction, and that the acceptance of responsibility could – but will not necessarily – be regarded as a mitigating factor that results in less severe sanctions.

Acceptance of responsibility will only be recognized if the Respondent accepts responsibility by signing a written document prepared by the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator that describes the range of Disciplinary Sanctions that the president or designee will consider in reaching a decision about Disciplinary Sanctions.

If the Respondent has accepted responsibility in writing, the Title IX/DHR office will issue a brief written summary of the allegations and a statement that the Respondent has accepted responsibility. The written summary will be sent to both the Complainant and the Respondent.

Within 5 Working Days of receiving the written summary from the Title IX/DHR Office, each Party may submit to the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator an impact statement or other statement regarding discipline that is no more than 2000 words in length. The document is an opportunity for each Party to suggest disciplinary outcomes and to provide information that they believe is important for the president or designee to consider when reaching a sanction decision. The Student Conduct Administrator and/or Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator will also submit a written statement regarding aggravating and mitigating factors (that is, factors that would warrant a more

severe or less severe sanction), including whether the Respondent was previously found to have violated the Standards for Student Conduct or the Nondiscrimination Policy. These written statements will be provided to the president or designee who will decide an appropriate sanction.

The Parties may appeal the sanction only on the grounds that the sanction(s) imposed was objectively unreasonable, or arbitrary based on the conduct for which the Respondent accepted responsibility. The appeal process will otherwise be in accordance with the appeals procedures below.

Where there is an acceptance of responsibility regarding some but not all of the alleged conduct, the investigation and hearing process will continue to conclusion, unless otherwise resolved through Informal Resolution

## Investigations-The Formal Complaint Resolution Process

### Purpose of the Investigation and Resolution Process

The investigation and resolution of Complaints under these Procedures is not intended to be an adversarial process between the Complainant, the Respondent, and witnesses. Rather, it is a process and opportunity for the University to educate students, provide an environment free from prohibited conduct under the Nondiscrimination Policy, and comply with its obligations under law. The University will provide for adequate, reliable, and impartial investigation of Complaints. The University will treat Complainants and Respondents equitably.

#### Cooperation in the Investigation Process

All Employees, and Students who are not Parties to the Complaint, are required to cooperate with the investigation and other processes set forth in these Procedures, including but not limited to, attending meetings and interviews, and being forthright and honest during the process.

#### Written Notice

The University will provide a Party whose participation is invited or expected, written notice of the date, time, location, participants, and purpose of all meetings or proceedings with sufficient time for the Party to prepare to participate.

#### Prohibition on Retaliation

The University strictly prohibits Parties or witnesses from engaging in Retaliation against anyone for reporting or filing a Complaint, assisting or participating in an investigation or hearing, interfering with a Party's or witness's rights or privileges under the Nondiscrimination Policy, or for assisting someone else in reporting or opposing conduct prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Policy. Any acts of Retaliation are subject to disciplinary action.

### Privacy

The University will take reasonable steps to protect the privacy of the Parties and witnesses, including ensuring compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other applicable privacy laws. During the formal complaint resolution process, beginning with the Notice of Investigation and concluding when the deadline for an appeal has passed or the Civil Rights Appeals Unit has issued its final response, the Parties and witnesses are prohibited from

using or disclosing the information or records obtained through the formal complaint resolution process. This prohibition shall not restrict the ability of the Parties to obtain and present evidence, including by speaking to witnesses, consulting with family members, confidential resources, or Advisors, or otherwise preparing for or participating in the formal complaint resolution process. These restrictions also do not apply to information learned through other means, such as personal experience, or to disclosures made during another administrative proceeding or through litigation. For especially sensitive materials, including but not limited to recordings and medical records, the University will provide such records for viewing or inspection only -- and not for copying or possessing. The Parties and their Advisors may be asked to sign written acknowledgements agreeing to these restrictions on disclosure and re-disclosure. Whether or not such acknowledgements are signed, violations of these prohibitions, including disregarding any restrictions on the use of records (such as re-disclosing records to unauthorized individuals or copying records that are provided for viewing only), may subject a Student or Employee to discipline.

### **Standard and Burden of Proof**

The standard of proof for hearings and investigations under these Procedures is the Preponderance of the Evidence. Preponderance of the Evidence is a standard of proof that determines whether alleged conduct more likely than not occurred based on the evidence presented or facts available at the time of the decision. The responsibility is not on the Parties – but on the University – to conduct an investigation that gathers sufficient evidence to determine whether alleged prohibited conduct occurred. The Complainant does not have the burden to prove, nor does the Respondent have the burden to disprove, the underlying allegation or allegations of misconduct. The University presumes that the Respondent is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination is made at the conclusion of the formal complaint resolution process.

### **Role of the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator in the Investigation Process**

The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will either investigate the Complaint or assign this task to an Investigator. If assigned to an Investigator, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will supervise and oversee the investigation, including reviewing all draft investigation reports before they are final to ensure that the investigation complies with these Procedures. If the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator investigates the Complaint, a Systemwide Director or other appropriately trained administrator will review all draft investigation reports in the place of the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator.

### **Neutrality of Process**

The University requires that any Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, investigator, or decisionmaker not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent. A decisionmaker may be the same person as the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator or investigator. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will take affirmative steps to ensure that anyone involved in conducting investigations, finding facts, and making disciplinary decisions in a matter will be impartial, neutral, and free from actual conflicts of interest. A conflict of interest exists if a person has a personal relationship with one of the Parties or witnesses, has a reporting employment relationship with a Party, or has demonstrated actual bias towards a Party or witness or towards Complainants or Respondents in general. Mere belief or opinion does not constitute evidence of bias or conflict of interest.

### Investigation Where a Respondent Does Not Participate

The Respondent will not be found to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy solely because the Respondent did not participate in the investigation or hearing process. Nor will the Respondent be found not to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy solely because a Complainant or other witness did not participate in the investigation or hearing process.

### Timeframe, Extensions, and Status Updates

The University has established the following timeframes for the major stages of the formal complaint resolution process:

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>
Complaint accepted or not accepted for investigation	Within 10 Working Days of the date of the intake or receipt of a written request for investigation (whichever is later)
Investigation – Review of Evidence Response Submission	10 Working Days from date Preliminary Investigation Report sent to Parties
Investigation – Final Investigation Report	100 Working Days from the date the Notice of Investigation is sent to Parties
Notice of Hearing	At least 20 Working Days prior to date of hearing
Hearing Officer’s Decision Report	15 Working Days from end of hearing
Final Decision from President or Designee	10 Working Days from receipt of Hearing Officer’s sanction recommendation
Appeal Submission	10 Working Days from date Notice of Investigation Outcome (non-hearing) or Final Decision (hearing) is sent to the Parties
Appeal Determination	30 Working Days after receipt of the written appeal

The University has also established the following process that allows for the reasonable extension of timeframes in these Procedures on a case-by-case basis for good cause. A Party, Investigator, and/or Hearing Officer may request a reasonable extension of the timeframes in these Procedures at any time from the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator may also initiate a reasonable extension of the timeframes in these Procedures at any time. For an extension to be granted, the following process must be followed:

1. Good cause for the extension must exist. Good cause may include:
  - a) To ensure the integrity and thoroughness of the investigation;
  - b) The reasonable absence of a Party, Party's advisor, or witness;
  - c) To comply with a request by law enforcement, including a concurrent law enforcement investigation;<sup>2</sup>
  - d) Based on the need to provide language assistance, disability accommodations, or other modifications to allow the full participation of a Party or witness;
  - e) Academic breaks or exam periods;

- f) A particularly complex investigation or hearing process, such as one involving multiple Complainants, multiple Respondents, a large number of witnesses, voluminous evidence, or length of the written record;
  - g) The severity and extent of the alleged misconduct; or
  - h) Other extenuating or unforeseen circumstances that are not within the control of the University, Party, witnesses, Investigator, or Hearing Officer.
2. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator is the final decision-maker with respect to all extensions
  3. The Parties receive written notice from the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator or designee that an extension is necessary and an explanation for the delay. The notice will indicate if the extension alters the timeframes for the major stages of the Complaint process and provide a new estimated timeline.

#### *Requests for Extensions*

While requests for delays by the Parties and witnesses may be considered, the University cannot unduly or unreasonably delay the prompt resolution of a Complaint under the Nondiscrimination Policy.

- a. Students – As required by California law, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will not unreasonably deny a Student Party's request for an extension during periods of examinations or academic breaks.
- b. Employees – The fact that an Employee is off contract or between semesters, without more, does not excuse an Employee from their expected participation in the Complaint resolution process.

#### *Status Updates*

In addition to the communications at each major stage of the process, the University will provide a status update to the Complainant and Respondent every 30-days, beginning from the date that the Notice of Investigation is issued until the Notice of Investigation Outcome or Final Decision is issued to the Parties, unless a Party requests in writing not to receive these updates.

- a. For cases of involving a hearing under Addendum A-Track 2 Hearing Process the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator shall notify the Complainant of any Disciplinary Sanctions imposed against a Respondent.
- b. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will provide status updates to the Parties and Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator as required by the timelines in these Procedures.
- c. In addition, either Party may, at any time, request from the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator a status update regarding investigation, hearing, and appeal timeframes.

#### **Reasonable Accommodations**

Any person with a Disability who seeks reasonable accommodations to participate in the Complaint submission or investigation process will be referred to the appropriate campus administrator (for Students, the services for students with disabilities administrator, and for Employees the appropriate human resources administrator) who may consult with the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator to determine the reasonableness of a requested accommodation.

## Notices of Investigation

The University will prepare Notices of Investigation for the Parties upon initiation of the formal complaint resolution process. The Notices of Investigation must be issued to the Parties in writing, at the same time, and with sufficient time and information for the Parties to prepare a response before any initial interview. A Notice of Investigation must include the following information:

1. An overview summary of the Complaint allegations (e.g., "who," "what," "when," and "where"), including the identities of the Parties, the conduct alleged to constitute violation of the Nondiscrimination policy, and the date(s) and location(s) of the alleged incident(s);
2. A copy of, or internet link to, these Procedures and the Nondiscrimination Policy, as well as a summary of the alleged Nondiscrimination Policy violations;
3. A summary of the Nondiscrimination Policy formal complaint resolution process, including the right to appeal and the informal resolution process;
4. That Retaliation is prohibited;
5. The Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination is made at the conclusion of the formal complaint resolution process. Prior to such a determination, the Parties will have an opportunity to provide Relevant evidence to a trained, impartial decisionmaker (Investigator or Hearing Officer);
6. The estimated timeline for completion of the investigation;
7. Information regarding counseling and other Supportive Measures;
8. The Parties may have one Advisor of their choice who may be, but is not required to be, an attorney or union representative;
9. The Parties will have an equal opportunity to access the Relevant and not otherwise impermissible evidence used in the investigation;
10. A statement that the Complainant and Respondent will have equal opportunities to identify Relevant witnesses and evidence in connection with the investigation and at any hearing, including the ability to:
  - a. Submit documentary information to the Investigator;
  - b. Submit a list of potential witnesses to the Investigator; or
  - c. Request that the Investigator attempt to collect additional relevant evidence;
11. A statement that any evidence available, but not disclosed during the investigation might not be considered in any findings made, including at any hearing, and likely will not be considered for purposes of appeal;
12. A statement that the Standards for Student Conduct prohibits furnishing false information to a University official, faculty member, or campus office;
13. A statement that the Complainant and Respondent will be provided with periodic status updates in accordance with the timelines established in these Procedures; and
14. A statement regarding the possible range of Disciplinary Sanctions. If new but related allegations are raised during the investigation that are materially different from those

described in the Notice of Investigation, the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator will issue a revised Notice of Investigation to the Parties, along with a corresponding revised timeline for completion, if appropriate.

### Respondent Initial Meeting

In the Notice of Investigation, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will offer to have an initial meeting with the Respondent. This meeting is not intended to be investigatory in nature. At this meeting, the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator will explain the allegations against the Respondent, as well as the investigation process and the Respondent's rights during the process. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will also explain that during the investigation process the Respondent and the Complainant will have the opportunity to present evidence, identify witnesses, and review evidence.

### Gathering Evidence

During the investigation, the Investigator will take reasonable steps to gather all Relevant evidence from the Parties, witnesses, or other sources, including interviews with the Complainant, the Respondent, and Relevant witnesses. The University will provide an equal opportunity for the Parties to present fact witnesses and other inculpatory (meaning that it shows or tends to show a person's involvement in the alleged conduct) and exculpatory (meaning that it shows or tends to show that a person was not involved in the alleged conduct) evidence that is Relevant. The Investigator will interview the Parties and Relevant witnesses and review documents and physical evidence. As appropriate to the investigation, the Investigator may conduct follow-up interviews or request responses to questions in writing.

#### *Opportunity to Submit Evidence and Identify Witnesses*

The Complainant and Respondent will be asked to identify witnesses and provide other Relevant information, such as documents, communications, and other available evidence. The Parties are encouraged to provide all Relevant information as soon as possible to facilitate a prompt resolution to the Complaint. The Investigator may receive any information presented by the Parties, but the Investigator, not the Parties, is responsible for gathering Relevant evidence. If a Party or witness declines to voluntarily provide material information or delays in doing so, the University's ability to conduct a prompt, thorough, and equitable investigation may be impacted. The University will not restrict the ability of either Party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present Relevant evidence. Parties and witnesses must not engage in actions that could be considered Retaliation, including confronting, threatening, intimidating, attempting to influence, or otherwise taking inappropriate actions against any Party, witness, or anyone else participating in the investigation or hearing process. The Investigator will document the steps taken to gather evidence, even when those efforts are not successful.

#### *Bases for Declining a Request to Gather Evidence*

The Investigator will gather evidence and ask questions proposed by the Parties, except as follows:

- a. The Investigator determines that the questions are repetitive, irrelevant, or harassing.
- b. The request seeks information that can be reasonably and adequately obtained by the requesting Party from other independent or publicly available sources.
- c. The burden of obtaining the information is likely to substantially outweigh the benefit that the evidence bears on a disputed issue.

- d. The requested information can be reasonably obtained through other means less likely to intrude on a person's privacy.

### Investigations Involving Allegations of Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking

The University will review all evidence gathered through the investigation and determine what Relevant evidence may be considered. Questions are Relevant when they seek evidence that may aid in showing whether or not the alleged conduct occurred, and evidence is Relevant when it may aid a decisionmaker in determining whether or not the alleged conduct occurred.

1. Impermissible evidence is evidence that is not allowed to be accessed, considered, or otherwise used by the University, except to determine if one of the exceptions listed below applies. The following types of evidence, and questions seeking that evidence, are impermissible, regardless of whether they are Relevant:
  - a. Evidence protected by a privilege recognized by state or federal law (unless waived by the Party or witness holding the privilege);
  - b. A Party's or witness's private medical records maintained by a physician, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional (unless the Party or witness voluntarily consents to its use in writing); or
  - c. Evidence that relates to the Complainant's or Respondent's sexual interests or prior or subsequent sexual conduct (unless offered to prove someone other than the Respondent committed the alleged conduct or offered to prove how the Parties communicated consent in prior or subsequent consensual, sexual relations).
    - i. Where the Investigator allows consideration of evidence about a dating relationship or prior or subsequent consensual sexual relations between the Complainant and the Respondent, the fact that the Complainant and Respondent engaged in other consensual sexual relations with one another is never sufficient, by itself, to establish that the conduct in question was consensual.
    - ii. Prior consensual, sexual conduct between the Complainant and the Respondent does not prevent the University from finding that the conduct alleged in the Complaint constitutes a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy.

#### Expert Witnesses

In rare cases, an Investigator may need to consult medical, forensic, technological, or other experts when expertise on a topic is needed to achieve a fuller understanding of the issues under investigation. In such cases, the Investigator must consult with the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator prior to engaging an expert witness.

#### Preliminary Investigation Report

The University will provide each Party and the Party's Advisor, if any, with an equal opportunity to access the evidence that is relevant to the allegations of prohibited conduct and not otherwise impermissible evidence.

Before finalizing the investigation, the Investigator will share with the Complainant and Respondent a preliminary investigation report, along with all Relevant evidence gathered. The preliminary investigation report will list any evidence offered by the Parties or any other witnesses that the Investigator concluded are not Relevant. This evidence will be available for review upon request. The preliminary investigation report will:

- a. Describe the allegations.
- b. Describe the investigative process to date.
- c. Set forth the relevant policy language and the Preponderance of Evidence Standard.
- d. Describe the evidence presented and considered.
- e. Identify the material facts – disputed and undisputed – with explanations as to why any material fact is disputed.

#### *Access to Preliminary Investigation Report*

The Investigator, in consultation with the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, will use discretion in determining how to provide the Parties with secure access to the preliminary investigation report. The University will take reasonable steps to prevent and address the Parties' and their Advisors' unauthorized disclosure of information and evidence obtained solely through the formal complaint resolution process.

#### *Review of Evidence*

Each Party will be given a reasonable opportunity to respond to the preliminary investigation report and any attached evidence and ask questions. The opportunity to review and respond to the preliminary investigation report is known as the "review of evidence" process. The Parties will have 10 Working Days to review the evidence. Each Party may:

- a. Respond to the evidence in writing.
- b. Request that the Investigator gather additional evidence or ask specific questions to the other Party and other witnesses.
- c. Identify additional witnesses.

#### *Conclusion of Review of Evidence*

The Investigator will share with the Parties the answers to questions posed during the review of evidence and additional Relevant evidence gathered. This will be shared with all Parties, who may then respond to any new evidence and ask questions. The Investigator determines when it is appropriate to conclude the review of evidence process.

### Final Investigation Report

#### *Final Investigation Report (Track 3-Hearing Not Required)*

For Complaints of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation under these Procedures (not including Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Exploitation, and Stalking, as each of these forms of prohibited conduct are defined in Article V.A of

the Nondiscrimination Policy), a hearing is not required, and the investigator will make the final determination in the case. A final investigation report will be provided to the Parties along with a Notice of Investigation Outcome.

- a. The final investigation report will include:
  - i. A summary of the allegations,
  - ii. The investigation process,
  - iii. The Preponderance of the Evidence standard,
  - iv. A detailed description of the evidence considered,
  - v. Analysis of the evidence including relevant credibility evaluations,
  - vi. Appropriate findings, and
  - vii. Relevant exhibits and documents attached to the written report.
- b. The Notice of Investigation Outcome will attach the final investigation report and include the following:
  - i. A summary of the allegations and the investigative process.
  - ii. That the Preponderance of the Evidence standard was employed.
  - iii. A summary of the findings of fact.
  - iv. A determination as to whether the Nondiscrimination Policy was violated, and if so, any Remedies to be afforded to the Complainant.
  - v. Notice of Parties' right to appeal under these procedures.
- c. The notice will usually be delivered to the Parties electronically. If the notice includes a determination that there was a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will notify the appropriate University administrator responsible for discipline of the investigation outcome and provide a copy of the final investigation report. This notice will include the appeal rights available to the Respondent prior to the initiation of any Disciplinary Sanctions.

***Final Investigation Report (Track 2- Hearing Required)***

For Complaints under these Procedures involving allegations of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, Sexual Exploitation, and Stalking, as each of these forms of prohibited conduct are defined in Article V.A of the Nondiscrimination Policy, a hearing is required.

The final investigation report will include all of the information included in the preliminary investigation report as well as additional Relevant evidence received during the review of evidence. Any relevant evidence provided by the Parties or witnesses, or otherwise gathered by the Investigator, will be attached to the final investigation report, or made available for review by the Parties. Evidence offered by the Parties or any other witnesses that the Investigator concluded is not Relevant will be noted but not included in the final investigation report and should be available at the time of the hearing such that it can be provided to the Hearing Officer if requested.

## Hearings

As part of the formal complaint resolution process for Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking cases, the CSU will provide a live hearing that enables the decisionmaker – “the Hearing Officer” – to question the Parties and witnesses to assess a Party’s or witness’s credibility to the extent credibility is both in dispute and relevant to evaluating one or more allegations.

A hearing will be provided when:

1. the respondent is a Student; AND
2. The Complaint includes allegations of Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking. The Complainant and Respondent will be treated equitably throughout the pre-hearing and hearing processes.

## Privacy

The University will take reasonable steps to protect the privacy of the Parties and witnesses during the hearing process, provided that the steps do not restrict the ability of the Parties to obtain and present evidence, including by speaking to witnesses (subject to the University’s prohibition on Retaliation), consulting with their family members, confidential resources, or Advisors, or otherwise preparing for or participating in the process.

Pre-Hearing Schedule and Response Deadlines:

### *Role of the Hearing Coordinator*

The Hearing Coordinator (either the student conduct administrator, Title IX Coordinator, or other appropriate administrator) is the person responsible for coordinating the hearing process. The Hearing Coordinator will act as liaison between the Parties and the Hearing Officer on procedural matters and therefore may not be the Investigator assigned to the matter. The Hearing Coordinator may appropriately delegate administrative tasks but should have overall supervision of the hearing coordination process.

### *Notice of Hearing-20 Working Days Prior to Hearing*

The Parties will be sent a written notice of the hearing at least 20 Working Days before the hearing. The notice will include the date, time, location, and purpose of the hearing as well as the name of the Hearing Officer. The notice is considered received on the date it is sent.

### *Submission of Proposed Witness List*

No later than 15 Working Days before the hearing, each Party will provide to the Hearing Coordinator a proposed witness list that includes the names of, and current contact information for, that Party’s proposed witnesses as well as an explanation of the relevance of each proposed witness’ testimony.

### *Information Regarding Advisors and Support Persons*

A Party may be accompanied at the hearing by one Advisor (for consultation) and one Support Person (for emotional support) of their choice. No later than 15 Working Days before the hearing, the Parties will provide to the Hearing Coordinator the name of, and contact information for, the Party’s Advisor and Support Person (if any).

### *Objections to the Hearing Officer*

A Hearing Officer will not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual Complainant or Respondent. Objections to the assigned

Hearing Officer will be made in writing to the Hearing Coordinator no later than 15 Working Days before the hearing.

- a) The objection may only be based on an actual conflict of interest. An actual conflict of interest exists if the Hearing Officer has a personal relationship with one of the Parties or witnesses or has demonstrated actual bias towards a Party or witness, or complainants or respondents generally.
- b) The fact that the Hearing Officer has previously served as a hearing officer in a University proceeding is not a conflict of interest. Mere belief or opinion does not constitute evidence of actual bias or conflict of interest.
- c) The Hearing Coordinator will determine if there is a conflict of interest. In that event, the Parties will be notified in writing of the name of the new Hearing Officer. The date for the hearing may need to be rescheduled. Any objection to the new Hearing Officer will be made following the same process described above.

#### *Location of Hearing-15 Working Days Prior to Hearing*

Generally, the University will conduct hearings with the Parties physically present in separate locations using videoconferencing technology that allows the Hearing Officer and the Parties to simultaneously see and hear the Party or witness while that person is speaking. Any objections from a Party about being out of the physical presence of the Hearing Officer will be made in writing no later than 15 Working Days before the hearing.

#### *Space and Technology Needs*

Any Party who anticipates that they will not have a private space from which to participate in the hearing and/or technology access, including a reliable internet connection, should notify the Hearing Coordinator no later than 15 Working Days before the hearing so that the Hearing Coordinator can assist with appropriate arrangements for a private on-campus space and technology access.

#### *Disability Accommodations*

Any Party who requires a disability accommodation to facilitate their full participation in the hearing should notify the Hearing Coordinator no later than 15 Working Days before the hearing. The Hearing Coordinator will refer such requests to the appropriate campus administrator (for Students, the services for students with disabilities administrator, and for Employees the appropriate human resources administrator), who may consult with the Hearing Coordinator to determine the reasonableness of a requested accommodation.

#### *Notification to Witnesses and Facilitation of Witness Participation*

No later than 10 Working Days before the hearing, the Hearing Coordinator will share the witness list with the Parties and notify each witness of the date, time, and location of or how to access the hearing.

- a. The campus will direct Employee and Student witnesses to attend the hearing where the witnesses are timely identified to the Hearing Coordinator.
- b. The University will accommodate Student and Employee witnesses, including arranging for them to be excused from class attendance or work duties where necessary. Witnesses will be instructed to promptly direct any questions or concerns about their attendance at the hearing to the Hearing Coordinator.
- c. Any Employees, including those in bargaining units, who fail to comply with the directive may be subject to discipline under the applicable provisions of their collective bargaining agreement or other University policy.
- d. Students who fail to comply may be subject to discipline depending on the circumstances.

#### *Submission of Proposed Questions*

No later than 5 Working Days prior to the hearing, the Parties will submit a list of proposed questions to the Hearing Coordinator, who will share these with the Hearing Officer. Proposed questions will not be shared with the other Party or witnesses in advance of the hearing.

#### *Questions/Concerns About the Witness List*

No later than 5 Working Days before the hearing, the Parties will submit to the Hearing Coordinator any objections to, or questions about, the witness list.

#### *Pending Requests*

:No later than 1 Working Day before the hearing, the Hearing Officer will resolve all pending requests regarding participation at the hearing. The Hearing Coordinator will give prompt notice to the Parties (and witnesses) as appropriate.

#### *Role of Hearing Officer in Pre-Hearing Matters*

The Hearing Officer will make all determinations regarding pre-hearing matters, including which witnesses will participate and which questions, if submitted, are Relevant and will promptly notify the hearing coordinator who, in turn, will promptly notify the Parties. The Hearing Officer may also identify and request witnesses from the final investigation report not previously listed by the Parties attend the hearing.

#### *Audio Recording of Hearing*

The University will make an official audio recording of the hearing. No other recording of the hearing is permitted. The recording is University property. The audio recording will be retained by the University in accordance with the records retention policy. Parties may request to review the recording.

#### *Hearing Attendees and Participants*

1. The following individuals are permitted to attend the hearing:
2. The Parties
3. The Hearing Office
4. Witnesses while they are answering questions
5. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator
6. The Hearing Coordinator 6. The Student Conduct Administrator
7. One Advisor per Party
8. One Support Person per Party
9. An appropriate Chancellor's Office administrator University police or security officer, or other individuals may be present as necessary for security, technological support, language assistance or other approved reasonable accommodation but will not participate in the hearing.

#### *Role of Advisors and Support Persons*

The Parties may each be accompanied at the hearing by one Advisor and one Support Person. An Advisor and Support Person may observe and consult with the Parties. However, during the hearing, the Advisor and Support Person will not make the opening statement or speak regarding the substance or the process of the hearing. Parties may make a request to the Hearing Officer for a break to speak with their Advisor or Support Person.

#### *Party Failure to Appear*

If a Party does not appear at the hearing without good cause, the hearing will proceed as scheduled. Whether good cause exists is determined by the Hearing Officer.

The Respondent will not be found to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy solely because the Respondent or other witness failed to appear at the hearing. Nor will the Respondent be found not to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy solely because a Complainant or other witness failed to appear at the hearing.

#### *Participant Conduct*

Abusive or otherwise disorderly behavior that causes a material disruption will not be tolerated. The Hearing Officer may excuse anyone from the hearing (including either Party or their Advisor or Support Person) whose behavior causes a material disruption. The Hearing Officer, at their discretion, may postpone the hearing when a participant has been excused. In making this decision, the Hearing Officer will consider the equity of postponement for both Parties.

#### *New Evidence*

Generally, the Parties may not introduce evidence, including witnesses and their statements, at the hearing that the Party did not identify during the investigation and that was available at the time of the investigation. The Hearing Officer has discretion to accept for good cause, or exclude, new evidence offered during the pre-hearing stage or at the hearing.

#### *Opening Statements*

Each Party will be given an opportunity to make an opening statement of no longer than 10 minutes. An opening statement is intended to give the Parties the opportunity to share their perspective regarding the facts and discuss the core disputes in the investigation. It should focus on the facts of the matter and not be argumentative. The Parties will not make closing statements.

#### *Questioning*

All questions will be asked by the Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer may ask questions of the Complainant, Respondent, Investigator, any campus official (e.g., Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator or Student Conduct Administrator), and any witness.

1. The process for proposing and asking Relevant and not otherwise impermissible questions and follow-up questions of Parties and witnesses, including questions challenging credibility, will:
  - a. Allow the Hearing Officer to ask such questions, and
  - b. Allow each Party to propose such questions that the Party wants asked of any Party or witness and have those questions asked by the Hearing Officer, subject to the procedures for evaluating and limiting questions described below.
2. Procedures for the Hearing Officer to evaluate the questions and limitations on questions:
  - a. The Hearing Officer will determine whether a proposed question is Relevant and not otherwise impermissible before the question is posed and will explain any decision to exclude a question as not relevant or otherwise impermissible.
  - b. Questions that are unclear or harassing of the Party or witness being questioned will not be permitted.
  - c. The Hearing Officer will give a Party an opportunity to clarify or revise a question that the Hearing Officer determines is unclear or harassing. If the Party sufficiently clarifies or revises the question, the question will be asked.

- d. The Parties may also submit written follow-up questions to the Hearing Officer during the hearing, at appropriate times designated by the Hearing Officer.
- e. The Hearing Officer will ask the questions proposed by the Parties except for questions that:
  - i. Seek information that is unreasonably duplicative of evidence in the Hearing Officer's possession;
  - ii. Are not relevant to material disputed issues, are repetitive, argumentative or harassing or unduly intrude on a witness' privacy;
  - iii. Relate to the Complainant's or Respondent's sexual interests or prior or subsequent sexual conduct, unless offered to prove someone other than the Respondent committed the alleged conduct;
  - iv. Relate to the existence of a dating relationship or prior or subsequent consensual sexual relations between the Complainant and the Respondent unless the evidence is relevant to how the Parties communicated consent in prior or subsequent consensual sexual relations.
    - 1. Note: If the Hearing Officer allows consideration of evidence about a dating relationship or prior or subsequent consensual sexual relations between the Complainant and the Respondent the mere fact that the Complainant and Respondent engaged in other consensual sexual relations with one another is never sufficient, by itself, to establish that the conduct in question was consensual.
    - 2. The Hearing Officer shall provide a written explanation to the Parties as to why consideration of the evidence is consistent with this section in the Hearing Officer's Report.

#### *Party or Witness Failure to Participate*

The Hearing Officer may choose to place less or no weight upon statements by a Party or witness who refuses to respond to questions deemed Relevant and not impermissible. The Hearing Officer will not draw an inference about whether alleged conduct occurred based solely on a Party's or witness's refusal to respond to such questions.

#### *Questions, Concerns, and Objections to Questions Posed*

At the hearing, each Party will have an opportunity to ask questions, submit concerns, or note an objection to questions posed. All such questions, concerns, or objections will be submitted in writing to the Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer is not required to respond to an objection, other than to include it in the record.

#### *Hearing Officer Discretion to Rephrase or Decline Questions*

The Hearing Officer has the authority and duty to decline or rephrase any question that the Hearing Officer deems to be repetitive, irrelevant, or harassing. Formal rules of evidence applied in courtroom proceedings (e.g., California Evidence Code) do not apply in the hearing. However, the Hearing Officer may take guidance from the formal rules of evidence.

#### *The Hearing Officer's Report*

The Hearing Officer will prepare a written report that includes findings of facts and conclusions about whether the Respondent violated the Nondiscrimination Policy.

- 1. The report will include:

- a. A description of the alleged conduct and potential Nondiscrimination Policy violations, which should correspond with those detailed in the Notice of Investigation and any amended notices.
  - b. Information about the policy and procedures that the University used to evaluate the allegations.
  - c. A summary of any procedural issues raised by the Parties before or during the hearing.
  - d. The definition of the Preponderance of the Evidence standard and a statement that this was the standard applied by the Hearing Officer in reaching their determinations
  - e. Any material evidence identified by the Parties or witnesses that the Hearing Officer determined was not Relevant (or duplicative) and the reason why the evidence was not considered to be Relevant.
  - f. A list of all questions submitted by the Parties at the hearing, and if any questions were not asked, why.
  - g. The Hearing Officer's evaluation of the Relevant and not otherwise impermissible evidence including an analysis of the credibility of the Parties and witnesses, when credibility assessments are required to resolve factual disputes. Credibility determinations will not be based on a person's status as a Complainant, Respondent, or witness.
  - h. A determination whether the alleged conduct occurred and if the conduct violated the Nondiscrimination Policy.
  - i. When the Hearing Officer finds that a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy occurred, any Disciplinary Sanctions the University will impose on the Respondent, whether Remedies other than the imposition of Disciplinary Sanctions will be provided by the University to the Complainant, and, to the extent appropriate, other students identified by the University to be experiencing the effects of the violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy.
  - j. The procedures and permissible bases for the Complainant and Respondent to appeal.
2. The Title IX Coordinator will review the Hearing Officer's report to ensure compliance with the Nondiscrimination Policy.
  3. The Hearing Coordinator will notify the Parties at the same time and in writing of the determination as to whether the alleged conduct and violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy occurred and will include a copy of the Hearing Officer's report. This notification will be issued within 15 Working Days of the end of the hearing, unless an extension is granted by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. The notification will also include information regarding the Parties' appeal rights. The Student Conduct Administrator or other appropriate administrator will also be notified of the Hearing Officer's determination.

*Hearing Outcome – No Violation Found*

If no violation is found, the Hearing Coordinator will notify the Parties of the outcome and their appeal rights, as described above. The University president or designee will also be notified.

*Hearing Outcome – Violation Found*

If there is a determination that a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy occurred, as appropriate, the Title IX Coordinator will:

1. Coordinate the provision and implementation of Remedies to a Complainant and other people the University identifies as having had equal access to its education programs or activities limited or denied by the Nondiscrimination Policy violation.
2. Coordinate the imposition of any Disciplinary Sanctions on a Respondent, including notification to the Complainant of any such Disciplinary Sanctions;
3. Take other appropriate prompt and effective steps to ensure that sex discrimination does not continue or recur within the University's education programs or activities; and
4. Comply with the Nondiscrimination Policy procedures before the imposition of any Disciplinary Sanctions against a Respondent.

***Statements from Parties, Title IX Coordinator, and Appropriate Administrator***

If the Hearing Officer finds a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy, the Parties may submit to the Hearing Coordinator an impact statement or other statement regarding discipline. The statement is an opportunity for the Parties to suggest disciplinary outcomes and to provide information that they believe is important for the Hearing Officer to consider. The statement may not be more than 2000 words in length and will be submitted to the Hearing Coordinator no later than 5 Working Days after the Hearing Officer's report is sent to the Parties.

The appropriate administrator and/or the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will also submit to the Hearing Coordinator a written statement regarding aggravating and mitigating factors no later than 5 Working Days after the Hearing Officer's report is sent to the Parties. The Hearing Coordinator will provide these statements to the Hearing Officer. Any information in the impact statement relied upon by the Hearing Officer in making their Disciplinary Sanction recommendation will be shared with the other Party with the president (or designee's) final decision and notification.

***Recommendation as to Disciplinary Sanctions***

Within 5 Working Days after receiving and considering the statements described above, the Hearing Officer will update their Hearing Officer's report to include the recommended Disciplinary Sanctions and submit it to the president (or designee).

***Final Decision and Notification***

Within 10 Working Days of receipt of the Hearing Officer's report, the president (or designee) will review the Investigation Report and the Hearing Officer's report and issue a decision concerning the appropriate Disciplinary Sanction.

1. **Adoption of Sanctions** – The president (or designee) may impose the recommended sanctions, adopt a different sanction or sanctions, or reject sanctions altogether. If the president adopts a sanction other than what is recommended by the Hearing Officer or rejects sanctions altogether, the president must set forth the reasons in the Decision Letter.
2. **Remedies** – The University may also provide Remedies, which may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course or work-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, Campus escorts, restrictions on contact between the Parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the Campus, and other similar measures. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator is responsible for determining the reasonableness of the requested Remedy and coordinating the effective implementation of Remedies
3. **Decision Letter** – The Decision Letter will include:
  - a. The outcome of the hearing, including any sanction imposed, and the name of the Respondent.

- b. A copy of the Hearing Officer's Report, including the Hearing Officer's recommended Disciplinary Sanctions.
  - c. Notice of the Complainant's and Respondent's right to appeal.
4. **Notification of Final Decision** – The president will send the Decision Letter electronically to the Respondent and Complainant at the same time.
- a. The decision will also be sent to the appropriate administrator and the Hearing Officer.
  - b. The president will also send the Decision Letter to the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator so that they may determine whether any additional Remedies or other Supportive Measures will be afforded or undertaken to maintain a safe and nondiscriminatory University environment.
  - c. A copy of the Decision Letter issued to the Complainant will be redacted as to findings regarding conduct that does not constitute a "crime of violence," Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking (34 C.F.R. § 99.31 et seq.).
  - d. Unless the University and Parties are notified that an appeal has been filed, the president's (or designee's) sanction decision becomes final 11 Working Days after the date of the Decision Letter.

## Appeal Procedures

For Complaints alleging Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Exploitation, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, and Stalking, either Party may file an appeal. For Complaints involving allegations of Discrimination, Harassment, Prohibited Consensual Relationships, or Retaliation only the non-prevailing Party may appeal.

### Filing an Appeal to the Chancellor's Office

A written appeal may be submitted to the Chancellor's Office Civil Rights Programming & Services Appeals Unit ("Civil Rights Appeals Unit") no later than 10 Working Days after the date of the Notice of Investigation Outcome (non-hearing cases) or Final Decision (hearing cases). All arguments and/or evidence supporting the appeal must be submitted by the deadline to file the appeal. Arguments or evidence submitted after the appeal submission deadline will not be considered by the Civil Rights Appeals Unit. A written appeal may not exceed 3,500 words, excluding exhibits. Appeals will be submitted to:

Civil Rights Appeals Unit  
Systemwide Human Resources  
Office of the Chancellor  
401 Golden Shore Long Beach, California 90802  
[CO-Appeals@calstate.edu](mailto:CO-Appeals@calstate.edu)

Electronic submission to the email address listed above is the preferred method of submitting appeals.

### Bases for Appeal

An appeal will be based only on one or more of the appeal issues listed below:

1. There was no reasonable basis for the findings or conclusions that resulted in the investigation or hearing outcome.

2. Procedural errors occurred that would have likely changed the outcome of the investigation or hearing.
3. New evidence is available that would change the outcome and that was not reasonably available when the Investigator's or Hearing Officer's determination was made.
4. The Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, Investigator, or Hearing Officer had a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or the individual Complainant or Respondent that would change the outcome.
5. The sanctions imposed was objectively unreasonable, or arbitrary based on substantiated conduct. (For Acceptance of Responsibility cases or Appeal reversals).

### **Issues and Evidence on Appeal**

The issues and evidence raised on appeal will be limited to those raised and identified during the investigation or hearing, unless new evidence that was not reasonably available at the time of the investigation or hearing and that could change the investigation or hearing outcome becomes available after the University investigation or hearing was completed and is submitted by the appealing Party. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit may conduct an interview, at their discretion, with the appealing Party to clarify the written appeal.

### **Acknowledgement of Appeal**

The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will provide prompt written acknowledgement of the receipt of the appeal to the appealing Party, and will provide written notification of the appeal, including a copy of the appeal, to the non-appealing Party and the campus Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. The notice will include the right of the non-appealing Party and the University to provide a response to the appeal within 10 Working Days of the date of the notice. The appeal response will be limited to 3,500 words, excluding exhibits. Any response to the appeal received by the Civil Rights Appeals Unit will be provided to the appealing Party for informational purposes only.

### **Reasonable Accommodation**

The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will provide reasonable accommodations to any Party or witness in the appeal process with a qualified Disability upon request by the person needing the accommodation. A reasonable accommodation may include an extension of time under these Procedures. The timeframe for the Civil Rights Appeals Unit Response will automatically be adjusted for the time needed, if any, to provide reasonable accommodations. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will consult with the appropriate university administrator (for Students, the services for students with disabilities administrator, and for Employees the appropriate human resources administrator) to determine the reasonableness of a requested accommodation.

### **Scope of Review**

The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will not conduct a new investigation; however, the Civil Rights Appeals Unit may make reasonable inquiries to determine if the new evidence could have affected the investigation or hearing determination. On appeal, the Civil Rights Appeals Unit does not reweigh the evidence, re-decide conflicts in the evidence, or revisit determinations made by the Investigator or Hearing Officer about the credibility or reliability of witnesses and the Parties.

### **Civil Rights Appeals Unit Response**

The Civil Rights Appeals Unit response will include a summary of the issues raised on appeal, a summary of the evidence considered, the Preponderance of the Evidence standard, and the determinations reached regarding the issues identified within the written appeal. A copy of the final

Civil Rights Appeals Unit response will be forwarded to the Complainant, the Respondent, and the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. The appeal response determination is final and is not subject to further appeal.

#### **Reopening a University Investigation or Hearing**

If the Civil Rights Appeals Unit review determines that an issue raised on appeal would have affected the investigation outcome or hearing outcome, the investigation or hearing will be remanded back to the University and the investigation or hearing reopened at the campus level. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will return the matter to the University and will specify in writing the timeline by which a reopened investigation or hearing must be completed. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will notify the Parties of the reopening of the investigation or hearing and the timeline for completion of the reopened investigation or hearing. The University will complete the reopened investigation or hearing and provide the Civil Rights Appeals Unit with an amended final investigation report or Hearing Officer report. The University will also provide the Parties with amended notices of investigation outcome or final decision, and such notices will provide the non-prevailing Party the opportunity to appeal. Upon receipt of the amended final investigation report/final decision, if the outcome remains unchanged, the Chancellor's Office will contact the original appealing Party to determine whether that Party wishes to continue with the appeal. If the outcome is reversed by the University, the non-prevailing Party will be given an opportunity to appeal.

#### **Reversal by Civil Rights Appeals Unit**

If the Civil Rights Appeals Unit determines that no reasonable fact finder (Investigator or Hearing Officer) could have made the findings as determined by the Investigator or Hearing Officer, the Civil Rights Appeals Unit may vacate and reverse the investigation or hearing outcome, but only with respect to whether the Nondiscrimination Policy was violated (and not with respect to factual findings). If the Civil Rights Appeals Unit vacates and reverses the investigation or hearing outcome, it will notify the Parties at the same time and in writing, as well as the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. Following a reversal of an investigation or hearing outcome by the Civil Rights Appeals Unit, the decision is final and is not subject to further appeal. In the event that the final outcome has been reversed by the Civil Rights Appeals Unit and a sanction will be imposed by the University, both Parties have a right to appeal the sanction only. If a sanction is found to be objectively unreasonable, or arbitrary based on substantiated conduct, the matter will be sent back to the University for reconsideration of the sanction.

#### **Timeline for Response to Appeal**

The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will respond to the appealing Party no later than 30 Working Days after receipt of the written appeal, unless the timeline has been extended pursuant to Section L below.

#### **Timelines and Extensions**

The Civil Rights Appeals Unit has discretion to extend the timelines for the appeal process for good cause or for any reasons deemed to be legitimate by the Civil Rights Appeals Unit. This includes the time for filing an appeal, the time for a reopened investigation or hearing to be completed, and the time for the Civil Rights Appeals Unit to respond to the appeal. The Civil Rights Appeals Unit will notify the Parties and the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator of any extensions of time granted pertaining to any portion of the appeal process.

#### **Disciplinary Sanctions and Remedies**

The University will not impose discipline on a Respondent for violations of the Nondiscrimination Policy unless: 1) there is a determination at the conclusion of the formal complaint resolution

process (including appeals) that the Respondent violated the Nondiscrimination Policy; or 2) where discipline is agreed to as part of an informal resolution process.

If there is a determination that a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy occurred, the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator will, as appropriate:

1. Coordinate the provision and implementation of Remedies to a Complainant and any other individuals who the University identifies as also having been deprived of equal access to the University's education programs, activities, or employment due to a violation of the Nondiscrimination policy;
2. Coordinate the imposition of any Disciplinary Sanctions on a Respondent, including notification to the Complainant of any such Disciplinary Sanctions;
3. Take other appropriate prompt and effective steps to ensure that prohibited conduct under the Nondiscrimination Policy does not continue or recur within the University's education programs, activities, or employment; and
4. Comply with these Procedures before the imposition of any Disciplinary Sanctions against a Respondent.

Students who are found to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy will be subject to discipline in accordance with state and federal requirements, student conduct rules, and other CSU policies. Sanctions for Students determined to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy are identified in the Student Conduct Process: restitution, loss of financial aid, educational and remedial sanctions, denial of access to campus or persons, disciplinary probation, suspension, and expulsion. The University may also temporarily or permanently withhold a degree. Other sanctions and remedies may be agreed upon through the Informal Resolution process.

Employees who are found to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy will be subject to discipline that is appropriate for the violation and in accordance with state and federal requirements and other CSU policies and applicable collective bargaining agreements. The possible sanctions for Employees determined to have violated the Nondiscrimination Policy are education, training, counseling, reprimand, unpaid suspension of varying lengths, demotion, and/or termination.

### Registered Sex Offenders

California's sex offender registration laws require convicted sex offenders to register their status with the University police department if they are enrolled, residing, attending, carrying on a vocation (i.e., contractor or vendor on campus for more than 30 days in the year), or working with or without compensation for the institution. All public information available in California about registered sex offenders, to include the ability to look-up offenders by name, residence address, and zip code, is on the California Department of Justice Megan's law web site at <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>

California law allows the following additional information regarding a registered sex offender on campus, whose information is not available to the public via the internet website, to be released to a campus community (Penal Code § 290.01(d)):

1. The offender's full name
2. The offender's known aliases
3. The offender's sex
4. The offender's race
5. The offender's physical description

6. The offender's photograph
7. The offender's date of birth
8. Crimes resulting in the registration of the offender under Penal Code § 290
9. The date of last registration

For purposes of this section, campus community shall be defined as those persons present at or regularly frequenting any place constituting campus property, satellite facilities, laboratories, public areas contiguous to the campus and other areas set forth in Penal Code § 290.01(d).

Registrant information that is released should include notification that:

1. The offender registry includes only those persons who have been required by law to register and who are in compliance with the offender registration laws.
2. The information is provided as a public service and may not be current or accurate.
3. Persons should not rely solely on the offender registry as a safeguard against offenses in their communities.
4. The crime for which a person is convicted may not accurately reflect the level of risk.
5. Anyone who uses information contained in the registry to harass registrants or commit any crime may be subject to criminal prosecution.
6. The purpose of the release of information is to allow members of the public to protect themselves and their children from sex offenders (Penal Code 290.45).

## Missing Student Notification Procedures, including for On-campus Student Housing Facilities

### CSUN Housing

Individuals having reason to believe that a student who resides in on-campus housing is missing should immediately notify the CSUN Department of Police Services at 818-677-2111. The University encourages you to report immediately, but no more than 24 hours after the student disappeared. CSUN Police will initiate an investigation in accordance with the department's missing person policy and will undertake the emergency contact procedures as appropriate.

Missing student reports should be made directly to the Department of Police Services. However, these reports may also be made to a staff member from the Office of Student Housing and Residential Life, located in the main Student Housing Office, or the Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students Office in Valera Hall 310. If the missing person report is made to staff or organizations other than CSUN Police Services, the entity must contact Police Services immediately.

At the beginning of each academic year, CSUN will inform students residing in on-campus housing that CSUN will notify a parent, guardian or an individual selected by the student no later than 24 hours after the time the student is determined to be missing.<sup>20</sup> This information will remain confidential only to be used during a missing person investigation by University officials who retain the information and it may not be disclosed except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of an official missing person investigation. Information will include the following:

Students have the option of annually identifying a Missing Person Designee to be contacted by

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<sup>20</sup> CSUN Student Housing Handbook - On Campus Housing Missing Student Policy and Procedure, Page 60.

CSUN when they sign up for a housing contract.

- If the student is under 18 years of age, and not an emancipated individual, CSUN is required to notify a custodial parent or guardian and any other designated contact within 24 hours after the time that the student is officially determined to be missing.
- Missing student reports should be made directly to the Department of Police Services. However, these reports may also be made to the Residential Life Office in the Students Housing office, or the Associate Vice President/Dean of Students Office in University Hall 310. If the missing person report is made to staff or organizations other than CSUN Police Services, that entity must contact Police Services immediately.
- When CSUN Police makes an official determination that a student who is the subject of a missing person report has been missing for more than 24 hours and has not returned to the campus, the Department of Police Services will initiate the emergency contact procedures in accordance with the student's confidential contact designation and will also notify local law enforcement that has jurisdiction in the area the student went missing. This will be done within 24 hours, regardless of whether or not the student had a confidential contact, is above the age of 18 or is an emancipated minor.

## POLICE SERVICES ACTIONS:

### **CSUN Department of Police Services**

The Department of Police Services has a law enforcement missing persons policy<sup>21</sup> that is followed in all such cases. The department may release a photo of the missing student as a tool to assist in locating the individual and may seek information and/or assistance from a variety of campus resources during the course of the investigation.

### **Lexipol Missing Persons Policy**

"Student housing and/or Residential Life offices under the leadership of the Director shall forward information about missing students to the University Police Department. Anyone who has knowledge that a CSU student is missing should report the information to Student Affairs or the University Police Department. This report must be made when a student has been missing for 24 hours, but the University encourages you to report immediately. Reports made to Student Affairs will immediately be referred to the University Police Department."<sup>22</sup>

### **CSU Systemwide University Police Department's Policy on Missing Persons**

The CSU Police Department does not consider any report of a missing person to be routine and assumes that the missing person needs immediate assistance until an investigation reveals otherwise. The CSU Police Department gives missing person cases priority over property-related

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<sup>21</sup> CSU/CSUN - Department of Police Services – Missing Persons and Runaway Cases, Policy/Procedure No. 07-L.E.-008, Effective Date: January 7, 2015, Review Date: January 7, 2016.

<sup>22</sup> Lexipol Missing Person's Policy.

cases and will not require any time frame to pass before beginning a missing person investigation (Penal Code § 14211).

Any member encountering a person who wishes to report a missing person or runaway shall render assistance without delay (Penal Code § 14211). This can be accomplished by accepting the report via telephone or in-person and initiating the investigation. Those members who do not take such reports or who are unable to render immediate assistance shall promptly dispatch or alert a member who can take the report.

A report shall be accepted in all cases and regardless of where the person was last seen, where the person resides or any other question of jurisdiction (Penal Code § 14211).

Officers or other members conducting the initial investigation into a missing person should take the following investigative actions, as applicable:

- Respond to a dispatched call as soon as practicable.
- Interview the reporting party and any witnesses to determine whether the person qualifies as a missing person and, if so, whether the person may be at risk.
- Notify a supervisor immediately if there is evidence that a missing person is either at risk or may qualify for a public alert, or both (see the Public Alerts Policy).
- Broadcast a "Be on the Look-Out" (BOLO) bulletin" if the person is under 21 years of age or there is evidence that the missing person is at risk. The BOLO should be broadcast as soon as practicable but in no event more than one hour after determining whether the missing person is under 21 years of age or may be at risk (Penal Code § 14211).
- Ensure that entries are made into the appropriate missing person networks as follows:
  - Immediately, when the missing person is at risk.
  - In all other cases, as soon as practicable, but not later than two hours from the time of the initial report (34 USC § 41308).
- Complete the appropriate report forms accurately and completely and initiate a search as applicable according to the facts.
- Collect and or review:
  - A photograph and a fingerprint card of the missing person, if available.
  - A voluntarily provided biological sample of the missing person, if available (e.g., toothbrush, hairbrush).
  - Any documents that may assist in the investigation, such as court orders regarding custody.
  - Any other evidence that may assist in the investigation, including personal electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, computers).
- When circumstances permit and if appropriate, attempt to determine the missing person's location through their telecommunications carrier.
- Contact the appropriate agency if the report relates to a missing person report previously made to another agency and that agency is actively investigating the report. When this is not practicable, the information should be documented in an appropriate report for transmission to the appropriate agency. If the information relates to an at-risk missing person, the member should notify a supervisor and proceed with reasonable steps to locate the missing person.

- Any student residing in campus housing has the option to identify a contact person or persons<sup>23</sup> whom the institution shall notify within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing. This contact information will be registered confidentially, accessible only to authorized campus officials, and may not be disclosed except to law enforcement personnel in furtherance of a missing person investigation. Notification of the confidential contact person or persons shall be documented within the appropriate report.

Employees should complete all missing person reports and forms promptly and advise the appropriate supervisor as soon as the missing person report is ready for review. The responsibilities of the supervisor shall include, but are not limited to:

- Reviewing and approving missing person reports upon receipt. The reports should be promptly sent to the Records Bureau.
- Ensuring resources are deployed as appropriate.
- Initiating a command post as needed.
- Ensuring applicable notifications and public alerts are made and documented.
- Ensuring that records have been entered into the appropriate missing persons networks.
- Taking reasonable steps to identify and address any jurisdictional issues to ensure cooperation among agencies.

If the case falls within the jurisdiction of another agency, the supervisor should facilitate transfer of the case to the agency of jurisdiction.

## CSU Hazing Policy

### Portions of CSU Anti-Hazing Policy

To view in its entirety: <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/18100813/latest/>

#### **I. Statement of Values**

The California State University (CSU) is committed to maintaining an inclusive and equitable community that values diversity, mutual respect, and fosters healthier and safer environments for living and learning. Hazing is contrary to our institution's values and will not be tolerated.

#### **II. Policy**

This policy establishes a systemwide policy on hazing prohibition in conjunction with hazing prevention efforts and activities. The provisions of this policy are pursuant to the Stop Campus Hazing Act in California Education Code 66305 – 66309 and the federal Stop Campus Hazing Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1092(f)(9).

#### **III. Definition of Hazing**

The federal definition of hazing: The term 'hazing' means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act

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<sup>23</sup> If the person reported missing is under 18 years of age and not emancipated, the institution must notify a custodial parent or guardian within 24 hours of the determination that the student is missing, in addition to notifying any additional contact person designated by the student.

committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including— whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone’s body, or similar activity; causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity; causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances; causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts; any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct; any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, state, tribal or federal law; and any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, state, tribal, or federal law. The term “hazing” is defined broadly. The CSU Student Code of Conduct, found at Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 41301 (b)(8) and California Penal Code section 245.6 defines “hazing” as “any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution” as well as “any act likely to cause physical harm, personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm, to any former, current, or prospective student of any school, community college, college, university or other educational institution. “Hazing” does not include customary and ordinary athletic events or school sanctioned events.” Any method or act of initiation or preinitiation into (or the maintenance of status within) a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by the CSU, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or mental harm to any former, current, or prospective student of the CSU is prohibited and constitutes a violation of this policy. Hazing includes not just conduct or actions likely to cause physical harm or pose a risk to the health and safety of an individual(s) but also conduct likely to cause personal degradation that could result in physical or mental harm. Hazing includes any action taken or situation created, whether on or off a campus, to produce mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule. Section 41301(b)(8) makes clear that “neither the express or implied consent of a victim of hazing, nor the lack of active participation in a particular hazing incident is a defense. The express or implied consent of a victim of hazing does not excuse or constitute a defense. Hazing violates this policy regardless of a person’s consent or willingness to participate and even if the person voluntarily submits to being hazed. Section 41301(b)(8) also makes clear that apathy or acquiescence in the presence of hazing is not a neutral act and is also a violation of this section.” Passive participation in hazing (such as attending a hazing incident or being a spectator) violates this policy. The tacit or explicit endorsement, approval or validation of hazing violates this policy. In addition, an individual who is in a position to be able to take reasonable action to stop or prevent hazing but fails to do so violates this policy. Participation in hazing, actively or passively, will result in both individual student and student organizational disciplinary action, including possible expulsion from the California State University system and a permanent loss of recognition for the student organization. Disciplinary action will also be initiated against organizational officers who permit hazing to occur. Organizational officers are expected and required to be aware of any potential hazing and to prevent any such conduct from occurring. Student organizations and their organizational officers are

responsible for controlling the actions of their alumni, inactive members, and any other individuals participating in their member activities.

Examples of prohibited activities include but are not limited to:

1. Any form of physically demanding or dangerous activity (calisthenics, runs, etc.) not part of a sanctioned university or auxiliary activity.
2. Paddling, shoving, hitting, slapping, punching, dragging, kicking, or shocking an individual regardless of degree or nature.
3. Compelling, pressuring or forcing an individual to consume, use or be exposed to alcohol, tobacco, or drugs or engage in drinking games.
4. Compelling, pressuring or forcing an individual to consume unusual, undue amounts, or odd preparations of food, liquids, substances or other items.
5. Throwing, pouring, submerging, or otherwise applying substances to the bodies, clothing, or belongings of individuals.
6. Morally degrading or humiliating games, performances, or other activities that make an individual the object of ridicule, amusement or intimidation.
7. Abducting or transporting an individual to undisclosed locations, abandoning individuals, or conducting any "kidnap," "road trip," or "ditch" that may in any way endanger or compromise the physical or mental health, safety, or comfort of any individual.
8. Confining an individual to unreasonably small, poorly ventilated, unsanitary, uncomfortable or unlit areas.
9. Restraining an individual in any manner.
10. Intentionally exposing an individual to unsafe, hazardous, or uncomfortable temperatures, conditions, or environments.
11. Compelling, pressuring or forcing an individual to engage in, encourage, or witness nonconsensual sexual behavior, including kissing, touching private parts, fondling, or intercourse, or in sexual simulations.
12. Activities that require an individual to remain in a fixed position for an extended period of time.
13. "Line-ups" involving intense or demeaning intimidation or interrogation, such as shouting obscenities, insults, or quizzing an individual.
14. Using demeaning, degrading or humiliating language, or derogatory names, or otherwise engaging in verbal abuse.
15. Assigning activities such as pranks or scavenger/treasure hunts in which a person is asked to deface or steal property, engage in humiliating acts, stunts, or bother other individuals or organizations/teams.
16. Exposing an individual to bodily fluids, including, but not limited to, blood, vomit, feces, urine, saliva, and semen, or compelling an individual to engage in activity that induces bodily functions.
17. Compelling individuals to wear or carry unusual, embarrassing, degrading, uncomfortable or physically burdensome items or apparel.
18. Depriving individuals of sufficient sleep, comfortable sleeping arrangements, meals, or access to showers, baths, and sinks.
19. Activities that interfere with an individual's academic efforts by causing exhaustion, loss of sleep, or loss of reasonable study time or by interfering with an individual's ability to attend class.
20. Compelling, pressuring or forcing an individual to engage in acts of personal servitude for others including errands, cleaning, standing in line, completing academic assignments or tasks, driving and shopping.
21. Compelling an individual to modify their body by way of branding, tattooing, piercing, shaving, weight loss, or other forms of modification.

22. Compelling, pressuring or forcing an individual to not participate in familial, religious, cultural, or traditional activities, holidays, or events.
23. Intentionally creating a mess and forcing others to clean up.
24. Compelling individuals to purchase an animal or engage in animal cruelty or mistreatment.
25. Blindfolding individuals in a manner that may cause intimidation, fear, or harm.
26. Depriving new members access to or use of cell phones, wallets, keys or key fobs, or other personal possessions.

#### **IV. Policy Requirements**

##### **A. University Hazing Website**

##### **B. Hazing Prevention and Awareness Programs**

The Hazing prevention and awareness program activities listed below shall be implemented by all institutions of the California State University system. These activities shall be research based and include:

1. Every incoming student's orientation includes information on hazing awareness, prevention, and reporting.
2. Athletic teams and affiliated social sororities and fraternities receive annual hazing prevention training that includes information on hazing awareness, bystander intervention, ethical leadership and ways to build group cohesion without hazing, consequences of engaging in hazing activities (including mental health, student wellness, student conduct, student organization, criminal and civil), and options for reporting. Each University shall develop a list of other programs or organizations that shall receive annual training.
3. Officers of Recognized Student Organizations, University Sponsored Organizations, and club sports complete annual hazing prevention training that includes information on hazing awareness, bystander intervention, ethical leadership and ways to build group cohesion without hazing, consequences of engaging in hazing activities (including mental health, student wellness, student conduct, student organization, criminal and civil), and options for reporting. Each organization/team delivers to the vice president of student affairs, or their designee, verification that they have participated in the training. This verification shall be submitted annually.
4. Each University implements at least one campus wide event or activity as part of National Hazing Prevention Week that promotes the CSU Policy on Hazing Prohibition and Prevention; campus resources related to hazing including how to report hazing; and prevention and bystander intervention training as it relates to hazing. The event or activity should be open to students, staff, faculty, families, and alumni.

##### **C. Reporting Incidents of Hazing**

Each University shall distribute and make publicly available a mechanism or procedure for reporting hazing. The mechanism or procedure must provide an option for an individual to submit an anonymous report. The mechanism or procedure must provide information about how an individual can report hazing without fear of retaliation or reprisal. Alleged victims and witnesses should not be deterred from reporting any incidents of hazing out of a concern that they might be disciplined for related violations of hazing or other university policies. The CSU's primary concern is the safety of the university community. A person who participates as a complainant or witness in investigations or proceedings involving hazing shall generally not be subject to discipline for related violations of the Student Conduct Code at or near the time of the incident unless the University determines the

violation was sufficiently egregious that it placed the health and safety of another person or the university at risk. It shall also be known that retaliation against any person participating or perceived to be participating in the reporting of or investigation into acts of hazing will constitute a violation of this Policy, as well as the Student Conduct Process.

#### **D. Hazing Investigation Process**

All reported acts of hazing committed by students or impacting students shall be reported to the vice president of student affairs or their designee for appropriate investigation and sanctioning processes. Investigations will be handled in accordance with the CSU Student Conduct Procedures Policy and CSU Student Activities Policy.

##### **a. Student Conduct**

Universities shall follow applicable system and university policies when investigating and sanctioning reported acts of hazing. Sanctions for students found to have hazed other students can be found in the CSU Student Conduct Process Policy.

##### **b. Recognized Student Organization Conduct**

Universities shall follow applicable system and university policies when investigating and sanctioning reported acts of hazing on recognized student organizations. Sanctions for recognized student organizations found to have permitted hazing to occur include permanent loss of recognition as a student organization.

At California State University Northridge, incidents can be reported without fear of retaliation or reprisal to:

**CSUN Anonymous Hazing Hotline: 818-677-5151**

**Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students Office: 818-677-2391**

**Fraternity and Sorority Advisor in the Matador Involvement Center: 818-677-5111**

**National Anti-Hazing Toll-Free Hotline: 888-NOT-HAZE**

#### **Fire Safety Report**

The 2025 Fire Safety Report is available at the following link:

<https://www.csun.edu/sites/default/files/Annual-Fire-Safety-Report.pdf>

## Appendix A: Jurisdictional Definitions<sup>24</sup>

### Rape (CA Penal Code Chapter 1 Section 261)

(a) Rape is an act of sexual intercourse accomplished under any of the following circumstances:

(1) If a person who is not the spouse of the person committing the act is incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act. Notwithstanding the existence of a conservatorship pursuant to the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving consent. This paragraph does not preclude the prosecution of a spouse committing the act from being prosecuted under any other paragraph of this subdivision or any other law.

(2) If it is accomplished against a person's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the person or another.

(3) If a person is prevented from resisting by any intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused.

(4) If a person is at the time unconscious of the nature of the act, and this is known to the accused. As used in this paragraph, "unconscious of the nature of the act" means incapable of resisting because the victim meets any one of the following conditions:

(A) Was unconscious or asleep.

(B) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant that the act occurred.

(C) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraud in fact.

(D) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraudulent representation that the sexual penetration served a professional purpose when it served no professional purpose.

(5) If a person submits under the belief that the person committing the act is someone known to the victim other than the accused, and this belief is induced by artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the accused, with intent to induce the belief.

(6) If the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator will execute the threat. As used in this paragraph, "threatening to retaliate" means a threat to kidnap or falsely imprison, or to inflict extreme pain, serious bodily injury, or death.

(7) Where the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to use the authority of a public official to incarcerate, arrest, or deport the victim or another, and the victim has a reasonable belief that the perpetrator is a public official. As used in this paragraph, "public official" means a

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<sup>24</sup> Note that these are not the definitions used to compile the statistics at the beginning of these document. The federal definitions of Rape, fondling, incest, statutory rape, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking are used for the statistics, as required by federal law.

person employed by a governmental agency who has the authority, as part of that position, to incarcerate, arrest, or deport another. The perpetrator does not actually have to be a public official.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions apply:

“Duress” means a direct or implied threat of force, violence, danger, or retribution sufficient to coerce a reasonable person of ordinary susceptibilities to perform an act which otherwise would not have been performed, or acquiesce in an act to which one otherwise would not have submitted. The total circumstances, including the age of the victim, and his or her relationship to the defendant, are factors to consider in appraising the existence of duress.

“Menace” means any threat, declaration, or act that shows an intention to inflict an injury upon another.

### Sodomy (CA Penal Code Chapter 1 Section 286)

Sodomy is sexual conduct consisting of contact between the penis of one person and the anus of another person. Any sexual penetration, however slight, is sufficient to complete the crime of sodomy.

(b) (1) Except as provided in Section 288, any person who participates in an act of sodomy with another person who is under 18 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a county jail for not more than one year.

(2) Except as provided in Section 288, any person over 21 years of age who participates in an act of sodomy with another person who is under 16 years of age shall be guilty of a felony.

(c) (1) Any person who participates in an act of sodomy with another person who is under 14 years of age and more than 10 years younger than he or she shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(2) (A) Any person who commits an act of sodomy when the act is accomplished against the victim’s will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(B) Any person who commits an act of sodomy with another person who is under 14 years of age when the act is accomplished against the victim’s will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 9, 11, or 13 years.

(C) Any person who commits an act of sodomy with another person who is a minor 14 years of age or older when the act is accomplished against the victim’s will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 7, 9, or 11 years.

(3) Any person who commits an act of sodomy where the act is accomplished against the victim’s will by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator will execute the threat, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(d) (1) Any person who, while voluntarily acting in concert with another person, either personally or aiding and abetting that other person, commits an act of sodomy when the act is accomplished against the victim’s will by means of force or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the

victim or another person or where the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator will execute the threat, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for five, seven, or nine years.

(2) Any person who, while voluntarily acting in concert with another person, either personally or aiding and abetting that other person, commits an act of sodomy upon a victim who is under 14 years of age, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 10, 12, or 14 years.

(3) Any person who, while voluntarily acting in concert with another person, either personally or aiding and abetting that other person, commits an act of sodomy upon a victim who is a minor 14 years of age or older, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 7, 9, or 11 years.

(e) Any person who participates in an act of sodomy with any person of any age while confined in any state prison, as defined in Section 4504, or in any local detention facility, as defined in Section 6031.4, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a county jail for not more than one year.

(f) Any person who commits an act of sodomy, and the victim is at the time unconscious of the nature of the act and this is known to the person committing the act, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years. As used in this subdivision, "unconscious of the nature of the act" means incapable of resisting because the victim meets one of the following conditions:

(1) Was unconscious or asleep.

(2) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant that the act occurred.

(3) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraud in fact.

(4) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraudulent representation that the sexual penetration served a professional purpose when it served no professional purpose.

(g) Except as provided in subdivision (h), a person who commits an act of sodomy, and the victim is at the time incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years. Notwithstanding the existence of a conservatorship pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving consent.

(h) Any person who commits an act of sodomy, and the victim is at the time incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act, and both the defendant and the victim are at the time confined in a state hospital for the care and treatment of the mentally

disordered or in any other public or private facility for the care and treatment of the mentally disordered approved by a county mental health director, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a county jail for not more than one year. Notwithstanding the existence of a conservatorship pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving legal consent.

(i) Any person who commits an act of sodomy, where the victim is prevented from resisting by an intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(j) Any person who commits an act of sodomy, where the victim submits under the belief that the person committing the act is someone known to the victim other than the accused, and this belief is induced by any artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the accused, with intent to induce the belief, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(k) Any person who commits an act of sodomy, where the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to use the authority of a public official to incarcerate, arrest, or deport the victim or another, and the victim has a reasonable belief that the perpetrator is a public official, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

As used in this subdivision, "public official" means a person employed by a governmental agency who has the authority, as part of that position, to incarcerate, arrest, or deport another. The perpetrator does not actually have to be a public official.

(l) As used in subdivisions (c) and (d), "threatening to retaliate" means a threat to kidnap or falsely imprison, or inflict extreme pain, serious bodily injury, or death.

#### Oral Copulation (CA Penal Code Chapter 1 Section 287)

(a) Oral copulation is the act of copulating the mouth of one person with the sexual organ or anus of another person.

(b) (1) Except as provided in Section 288, any person who participates in an act of oral copulation with another person who is under 18 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a county jail for a period of not more than one year.

(2) Except as provided in Section 288, any person over 21 years of age who participates in an act of oral copulation with another person who is under 16 years of age is guilty of a felony.

(c) (1) Any person who participates in an act of oral copulation with another person who is under 14 years of age and more than 10 years younger than he or she shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(2) (A) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(B) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation upon a person who is under 14 years of age, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace,

or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 8, 10, or 12 years.

(C) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation upon a minor who is 14 years of age or older, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 6, 8, or 10 years.

(3) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation where the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator will execute the threat, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(d) (1) Any person who, while voluntarily acting in concert with another person, either personally or by aiding and abetting that other person, commits an act of oral copulation (A) when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, or (B) where the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator will execute the threat, or (C) where the victim is at the time incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for five, seven, or nine years. Notwithstanding the appointment of a conservator with respect to the victim pursuant to the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime described under paragraph (3), that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving legal consent.

(2) Any person who, while voluntarily acting in concert with another person, either personally or aiding and abetting that other person, commits an act of oral copulation upon a victim who is under 14 years of age, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 10, 12, or 14 years.

(3) Any person who, while voluntarily acting in concert with another person, either personally or aiding and abetting that other person, commits an act of oral copulation upon a victim who is a minor 14 years of age or older, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 8, 10, or 12 years.

(e) Any person who participates in an act of oral copulation while confined in any state prison, as defined in Section 4504 or in any local detention facility as defined in Section 6031.4, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a county jail for a period of not more than one year.

(f) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation, and the victim is at the time unconscious of the nature of the act and this is known to the person committing the act, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of three, six, or eight years. As used in this subdivision, "unconscious of the nature of the act" means incapable of resisting because the victim meets one of the following conditions:

(1) Was unconscious or asleep.

(2) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant that the act occurred.

(3) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraud in fact.

(4) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraudulent representation that the oral copulation served a professional purpose when it served no professional purpose.

(g) Except as provided in subdivision (h), any person who commits an act of oral copulation, and the victim is at the time incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, for three, six, or eight years. Notwithstanding the existence of a conservatorship pursuant to the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving consent.

(h) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation, and the victim is at the time incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act, and both the defendant and the victim are at the time confined in a state hospital for the care and treatment of the mentally disordered or in any other public or private facility for the care and treatment of the mentally disordered approved by a county mental health director, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a county jail for a period of not more than one year. Notwithstanding the existence of a conservatorship pursuant to the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving legal consent.

(i) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation, where the victim is prevented from resisting by any intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of three, six, or eight years.

(j) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation, where the victim submits under the belief that the person committing the act is someone known to the victim other than the accused, and this belief is induced by any artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the accused, with intent to induce the belief, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of three, six, or eight years.

(k) Any person who commits an act of oral copulation, where the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to use the authority of a public official to incarcerate, arrest, or deport the victim or another, and the victim has a reasonable belief that the perpetrator is a public official, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of three, six, or eight years.

As used in this subdivision, "public official" means a person employed by a governmental agency who has the authority, as part of that position, to incarcerate, arrest, or deport another. The perpetrator does not actually have to be a public official.

(l) As used in subdivisions (c) and (d), "threatening to retaliate" means a threat to kidnap or falsely imprison, or to inflict extreme pain, serious bodily injury, or death.

## Bigamy, Incest, and the Crime against Nature (CA Penal Code Chapter 1 Section 285 and Section 289)

### Section 285

Persons being within the degrees of consanguinity within which marriages are declared by law to be incestuous and void, who intermarry with each other, or who being 14 years of age or older, commit fornication or adultery with each other, are punishable by imprisonment in the state prison.

### Section 289

(a) (1) (A) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(B) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration upon a child who is under 14 years of age, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 8, 10, or 12 years.

(C) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration upon a minor who is 14 years of age or older, when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by means of force, violence, duress, menace, or fear of immediate and unlawful bodily injury on the victim or another person, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for 6, 8, or 10 years.

(D) This paragraph does not preclude prosecution under Section 269, Section 288.7, or any other provision of law.

(2) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to retaliate in the future against the victim or any other person, and there is a reasonable possibility that the perpetrator will execute the threat, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision (c), any person who commits an act of sexual penetration, and the victim is at the time incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act or causing the act to be committed, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years. Notwithstanding the appointment of a conservator with respect to the victim pursuant to the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving legal consent.

(c) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration, and the victim is at the time incapable, because of a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability, of giving legal consent, and this is known or reasonably should be known to the person committing the act or causing the act to be committed and both the defendant and the victim are at the time confined in a state hospital for the care and treatment of the mentally disordered or in any other public or private facility for the care and treatment of the mentally disordered approved by a county mental health director, shall be

punished by imprisonment in the state prison, or in a county jail for a period of not more than one year. Notwithstanding the existence of a conservatorship pursuant to the provisions of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the prosecuting attorney shall prove, as an element of the crime, that a mental disorder or developmental or physical disability rendered the alleged victim incapable of giving legal consent.

(d) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration, and the victim is at the time unconscious of the nature of the act and this is known to the person committing the act or causing the act to be committed, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years. As used in this subdivision, "unconscious of the nature of the act" means incapable of resisting because the victim meets one of the following conditions:

(1) Was unconscious or asleep.

(2) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant that the act occurred.

(3) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraud in fact.

(4) Was not aware, knowing, perceiving, or cognizant of the essential characteristics of the act due to the perpetrator's fraudulent representation that the sexual penetration served a professional purpose when it served no professional purpose.

(e) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration when the victim is prevented from resisting by any intoxicating or anesthetic substance, or any controlled substance, and this condition was known, or reasonably should have been known by the accused, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of three, six, or eight years.

(f) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration when the victim submits under the belief that the person committing the act or causing the act to be committed is someone known to the victim other than the accused, and this belief is induced by any artifice, pretense, or concealment practiced by the accused, with intent to induce the belief, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of three, six, or eight years.

(g) Any person who commits an act of sexual penetration when the act is accomplished against the victim's will by threatening to use the authority of a public official to incarcerate, arrest, or deport the victim or another, and the victim has a reasonable belief that the perpetrator is a public official, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a period of three, six, or eight years.

As used in this subdivision, "public official" means a person employed by a governmental agency who has the authority, as part of that position, to incarcerate, arrest, or deport another. The perpetrator does not actually have to be a public official.

(h) Except as provided in Section 288, any person who participates in an act of sexual penetration with another person who is under 18 years of age shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison or in a county jail for a period of not more than one year.

(i) Except as provided in Section 288, any person over 21 years of age who participates in an act of sexual penetration with another person who is under 16 years of age shall be guilty of a felony.

(j) Any person who participates in an act of sexual penetration with another person who is under 14 years of age and who is more than 10 years younger than he or she shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for three, six, or eight years.

(k) As used in this section:

(1) "Sexual penetration" is the act of causing the penetration, however slight, of the genital or anal opening of any person or causing another person to so penetrate the defendant's or another person's genital or anal opening for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification, or abuse by any foreign object, substance, instrument, or device, or by any unknown object.

(2) "Foreign object, substance, instrument, or device" shall include any part of the body, except a sexual organ.

(3) "Unknown object" shall include any foreign object, substance, instrument, or device, or any part of the body, including a penis, when it is not known whether penetration was by a penis or by a foreign object, substance, instrument, or device, or by any other part of the body.

(l) As used in subdivision (a), "threatening to retaliate" means a threat to kidnap or falsely imprison, or inflict extreme pain, serious bodily injury or death.

(m) As used in this section, "victim" includes any person who the defendant causes to penetrate the genital or anal opening of the defendant or another person or whose genital or anal opening is caused to be penetrated by the defendant or another person and who otherwise qualifies as a victim under the requirements of this section.

#### **Fondling (CA Penal Code Chapter 9. Section 243.4, Assault and Battery)**

(a) Any person who touches an intimate part of another person while that person is unlawfully restrained by the accused or an accomplice, and if the touching is against the will of the person touched and is for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, or sexual abuse, is guilty of sexual battery. A violation of this subdivision is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, and by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000); or by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years, and by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(b) Any person who touches an intimate part of another person who is institutionalized for medical treatment and who is seriously disabled or medically incapacitated, if the touching is against the will of the person touched, and if the touching is for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, or sexual abuse, is guilty of sexual battery. A violation of this subdivision is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, and by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000); or by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years, and by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(c) Any person who touches an intimate part of another person for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, or sexual abuse, and the victim is at the time unconscious of the nature of the act because the perpetrator fraudulently represented that the touching served a professional purpose, is guilty of sexual battery. A violation of this subdivision is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, and by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000); or by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years, and by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(d) Any person who, for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, or sexual abuse, causes another, against that person's will while that person is unlawfully restrained either by the accused or an accomplice, or is institutionalized for medical treatment and is seriously disabled or medically incapacitated, to masturbate or touch an intimate part of either of those persons or a third person, is guilty of sexual battery. A violation of this subdivision is punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, and by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000); or by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years, and by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(e)(1) Any person who touches an intimate part of another person, if the touching is against the will of the person touched, and is for the specific purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, or sexual abuse, or any person who, for the purpose of sexual arousal, sexual gratification, or sexual abuse, causes another, against that person's will, to masturbate or touch an intimate part of either of those persons or a third person, is guilty of misdemeanor sexual battery, punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or by both that fine and imprisonment. However, if the defendant was an employer and the victim was an employee of the defendant, the misdemeanor sexual battery shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000), by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding six months, or by both that fine and imprisonment. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any amount of a fine above two thousand dollars (\$2,000) which is collected from a defendant for a violation of this subdivision shall be transmitted to the State Treasury and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, distributed to the Civil Rights Department for the purpose of enforcement of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code), including, but not limited to, laws that proscribe sexual harassment in places of employment. However, in no event shall an amount over two thousand dollars (\$2,000) be transmitted to the State Treasury until all fines, including any restitution fines that may have been imposed upon the defendant, have been paid in full.

(2) As used in this subdivision, "touches" means physical contact with another person, whether accomplished directly, through the clothing of the person committing the offense, or through the clothing of the victim.

(f) As used in subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d), "touches" means physical contact with the skin of another person whether accomplished directly or through the clothing of the person committing the offense.

(g) As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) "Intimate part" means the sexual organ, anus, groin, or buttocks of any person, and the breast of a female.

(2) "Sexual battery" does not include the crimes defined in Section 261 or 289.

(3) "Seriously disabled" means a person with severe physical or sensory disabilities.

(4) "Medically incapacitated" means a person who is incapacitated as a result of prescribed sedatives, anesthesia, or other medication.

(5) "Institutionalized" means a person who is located voluntarily or involuntarily in a hospital, medical treatment facility, nursing home, acute care facility, or mental hospital.

(6) "Minor" means a person under 18 years of age.

(h) This section does not limit or prevent prosecution under any other law which also proscribes a course of conduct that also is proscribed by this section.

(i) In the case of a felony conviction for a violation of this section, the fact that the defendant was an employer and the victim was an employee of the defendant shall be a factor in aggravation in sentencing.

(j) A person who commits a violation of subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (d) against a minor when the person has a prior felony conviction for a violation of this section shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years and a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

#### Statutory Rape (CA Penal Code, Chapter 1, Section 261.5)

(a) Unlawful sexual intercourse is an act of sexual intercourse accomplished with a person who is not the spouse of the perpetrator, if the person is a minor. For the purposes of this section, a "minor" is a person under the age of 18 years and an "adult" is a person who is 18 years of age or older.

(b) A person who engages in an act of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor who is not more than three years older or three years younger than the perpetrator, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) A person who engages in an act of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor who is more than three years younger than the perpetrator is guilty of either a misdemeanor or a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170.

(d) Any person 21 years of age or older who engages in an act of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor who is under 16 years of age is guilty of either a misdemeanor or a felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by imprisonment pursuant to subdivision (h) of Section 1170 for two, three, or four years.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an adult who engages in an act of sexual intercourse with a minor in violation of this section may be liable for civil penalties in the following amounts:

(A) An adult who engages in an act of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor less than two years younger than the adult is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

(B) An adult who engages in an act of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor at least two years younger than the adult is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

(C) An adult who engages in an act of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor at least three years younger than the adult is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

(D) An adult over 21 years of age who engages in an act of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor under 16 years of age is liable for a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

(2) The district attorney may bring actions to recover civil penalties pursuant to this subdivision. From the amounts collected for each case, an amount equal to the costs of pursuing the action shall be deposited with the treasurer of the county in which the judgment was entered, and the remainder shall be deposited in the Underage Pregnancy Prevention Fund, which is hereby created in the State Treasury. Amounts deposited in the Underage Pregnancy Prevention Fund may be used only for the purpose of preventing underage pregnancy upon appropriation by the Legislature.

(3) In addition to any punishment imposed under this section, the judge may assess a fine not to exceed seventy dollars (\$70) against a person who violates this section with the proceeds of this fine to be used in accordance with Section 1463.23. The court shall, however, take into consideration the defendant's ability to pay, and a defendant shall not be denied probation because of their inability to pay the fine permitted under this subdivision.

(f) A person convicted of violating subdivision (d) who is granted probation shall not complete their community service at a school or location where children congregate.

#### **Incest (CA Penal Code, Chapter 1, Section 285)**

Persons being within the degrees of consanguinity within which marriages are declared by law to be incestuous and void, who intermarry with each other, or who being 14 years of age or older, commit fornication or adultery with each other, are punishable by imprisonment in the state prison.

#### **Abuse: (CA Family Code, 6203 (definitions) and 6211)**

(a) For purposes of this act, "abuse" means any of the following:

(1) To intentionally or recklessly cause or attempt to cause bodily injury.

(2) Sexual assault.

(3) To place a person in reasonable apprehension of imminent serious bodily injury to that person or to another.

(4) To engage in any behavior that has been or could be enjoined pursuant to Section 6320.

(b) Abuse is not limited to the actual infliction of physical injury or assault.

"Domestic violence" is abuse perpetrated against any of the following persons:

(a) A spouse or former spouse.

(b) A cohabitant or former cohabitant, as defined in Section 6209.

(c) A person with whom the respondent is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship.

(d) A person with whom the respondent has had a child, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child of the female parent under the Uniform Parentage Act (Part 3 commencing with Section 7600) of Division 12).

(e) A child of a party or a child who is the subject of an action under the Uniform Parentage Act, where the presumption applies that the male parent is the father of the child to be protected.

(f) Any other person related by consanguinity or affinity within the second degree.

#### **Domestic Violence/Dating Violence (CA Penal Code, Chapter 2, Section 273.5 and Section 243)**

##### **CA Penal Code 273.5**

(a) A person who willfully inflicts corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition upon a victim described in subdivision (b) is guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three, or four years, or in a county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of up to six thousand dollars (\$6,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(b) Subdivision (a) shall apply if the victim is or was one or more of the following:

- (1) The offender's spouse or former spouse.
- (2) The offender's cohabitant or former cohabitant.
- (3) The offender's fiancé, or someone with whom the offender has, or previously had, an engagement or dating relationship as defined in paragraph (10) of subdivision (f) of Section 243.
- (4) The mother or father of the offender's child.

#### CA Penal Code 243(e)

(1) When a battery (willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another) is committed against a spouse, a person with whom the defendant is cohabiting, a person who is the parent of the defendant's child, former spouse, fiancé, or fiancée, or a person with whom the defendant currently has, or has previously had, a dating or engagement relationship, the battery is punishable by a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or by imprisonment in a county jail for a period of not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment.

(10) "Dating relationship" means frequent, intimate associations primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement independent of financial considerations.

#### Stalking: CA Penal Code, Chapter 2, Section 646.9

Any person who willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or willfully and maliciously harasses another person and who makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for their safety, or the safety of their immediate family is guilty of the crime of stalking, punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by both that fine and imprisonment, or by imprisonment in the state prison.

#### Stalking: CA Penal Code, Chapter 2, Section 653m

(a) Every person who, with intent to annoy, telephones or makes contact by means of an electronic communication device with another and addresses to or about the other person any obscene language or addresses to the other person any threat to inflict injury to the person or property of the person addressed or any member of his or her family, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Nothing in this subdivision shall apply to telephone calls or electronic contacts made in good faith.

(b) Every person who, with intent to annoy or harass, makes repeated telephone calls or makes repeated contact by means of an electronic communication device, or makes any combination of calls or contact, to another person is, whether or not conversation ensues from making the telephone call or contact by means of an electronic communication device, guilty of a misdemeanor. Nothing in this subdivision shall apply to telephone calls or electronic contacts made in good faith or during the ordinary course and scope of business.

#### Consent to Sexual Activity (CA Penal Code, Chapter 1, section 261.6 and section 261.7)

- a) Consent is positive cooperation in act or attitude pursuant to an exercise of free will. The Person must act freely and voluntarily and have knowledge of the nature of the act or transaction involved.
- b) A current or previous dating or marital relationship shall not be sufficient to constitute consent where consent is at issue in a prosecution under section 261, 286, 287, or 289, or former section 262 or 288a

- c) This section shall not affect the admissibility of evidence or the burden of proof on the issue of consent.

In prosecutions under Section 261, 286, 287, or 289, or former Section 262 or 288a, in which consent is at issue, evidence that the victim suggested, requested, or otherwise communicated to the defendant that the defendant use a condom or other birth control device, without additional evidence of consent, is not sufficient to constitute consent.

## Appendix B: Track 1: Federal Mandated Hearing Process

### Track 1: Federal Mandated Hearing Process

**Track 1: The Federal Mandated Hearing Process (“Track 1”) is applicable instead of the processes under the Interim CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Student Respondent Procedures and the Interim CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Employee and Third-Party Respondent Procedures for cases that are defined by the 2020 Title IX Federal Regulations as sexual harassment in an education program or activity against a person (including, but not limited to students and employees) in the United States.**

#### Background

In 2020, the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) issued and amended federal regulations (Federal Regulations) implementing the sex discrimination law known as "Title IX," which is part of the Education Amendments of 1972. The Federal Regulations are titled *Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance* (34 C.F.R. 106). The Federal Regulations were published in the Federal Register on May 19, 2020, and took effect August 14, 2020.

In 2024, OCR issued amended federal regulations. However, on January 9, 2025, a federal judge in Kentucky vacated the 2024 Title IX Regulations. This meant that the regulations were no longer applicable nationwide. On January 31, 2025, OCR issued a “Dear Colleague Letter” (“DCL”) which clarified the position of the federal government that the 2020 Title IX Regulations are in immediate effect. A subsequent DCL was issued on February 4, 2025, providing further clarification of the position of the Department of Education. The February 4, 2025, DCL directed educational institutions to apply the 2020 Title IX Regulations to all new cases and to reevaluate any pending cases to ensure they align with the 2020 Title IX Regulations. The procedures in this document – Track 1 – implement the requirements of the 2020 Title IX Regulations.

#### Article I. Procedure Scope and Applicability of Track 1

**Track 1** is applicable to cases that are defined by the 2020 Federal Regulations as Sexual Harassment in an Education Program or Activity against a person (including Students and Employees of the CSU) in the United States (Title IX prohibited conduct).

The Title IX Coordinator and the DHR Administrator, will assess allegations of non-Title IX prohibited conduct not covered by Track 1 but set forth in the same Complaint that arise out of the same facts and/or incidents that may also be investigated and resolved (including sanctions and discipline) in accordance with the process in Track 1 or other CSU policies or procedures.

#### Article II. Definitions

Track 1 (Title IX) prohibited conduct is defined under Article V.B of the CSU Nondiscrimination Policy. Capitalized terms are defined in this document (Track 1) and in Article V.C of the Nondiscrimination Policy. In implementing this process, the Track 1 definitions apply where they

differ from those listed in Article V.C of the Nondiscrimination Policy. For purposes of Track 1 specifically, the following definitions apply:

1. **Affirmative Consent** means an agreement to engage in sexual activity that is informed, affirmative, conscious, voluntary, and mutual. Affirmative Consent must be given freely and without coercion, force, threats, intimidation, or by taking advantage of another person's incapacitation. It is the responsibility of each person involved in the sexual activity to ensure Affirmative Consent has been obtained from the other participant(s) prior to engaging in the sexual activity. Affirmative consent is given by clear words or actions. Affirmative consent includes knowledge and agreement to engage in the specific sexual activity.
  2. Affirmative Consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be withdrawn or revoked at any time, including after sexual activity begins. Once consent is withdrawn or revoked and clearly communicated, the sexual activity must stop immediately.
  3. Consent to one form of sexual activity or one sexual act does not constitute consent to other forms of sexual activity. Consent given to sexual activity on one occasion does not constitute consent on another occasion.
  4. Affirmative Consent cannot be inferred from an existing or previous dating, social, or sexual relationship between the Parties.
  5. Silence does not mean there is Affirmative Consent.
  6. Lack of protest or resistance does not mean there is Affirmative Consent.
  7. A request for someone to use a condom or birth control does not, in and of itself, mean there is Affirmative Consent.
  8. Affirmative Consent cannot be given by a person who is incapacitated. A person is unable to consent when asleep, unconscious, or incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication.
- B. **Bias and Conflict of Interest** means that whether bias exists against Complainants or Respondents generally or against individual Complainants or Respondents, requires examination of the particular facts of a situation. In determining whether bias exists, the following should be considered:
1. an objective (whether a reasonable person would believe bias exists), common sense approach to evaluating whether a particular person serving in a Title IX role is biased;
  2. an evaluation that does not apply generalizations that might unreasonably conclude that bias exists (for example, assuming that a declaration that one is a feminist, or survivor, means that they are biased against men, or that a male is incapable of being sensitive to women, or that prior work as a victim advocate, or as a defense attorney, renders the person biased for or against Complainants or Respondents); and

3. whether the bias will impede the impartiality of the person being evaluated.
- C. **Complainant**<sup>14</sup> means an individual who is alleged to have been subjected to conduct that could constitute Sexual Harassment as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy.
- D. **Directly Related** means anything that is not incidental to a matter at issue.
- E. **Education Program or Activity** includes all the operations of the CSU as well as locations, events, or circumstances over which the CSU exercised substantial control over the Respondent (Student, Employee, or Third Party) **and** the context in which the Sexual Harassment occurs. Education Program or Activity also includes any building owned or controlled by the CSU or a student organization that is officially recognized by the CSU.
- F. **Formal Complaint** means a document or electronic submission filed by a Complainant that contains the Complainant's physical or digital signature<sup>15</sup> or a document signed by the Title IX Coordinator<sup>16</sup> alleging Sexual Harassment against a Respondent and requesting an investigation of the allegation of Sexual Harassment. At the time that the Formal Complaint is filed, a Complainant must be participating in or attempting to participate in an Education Program or Activity of the CSU.
- G. **Incapacitation:** A person is incapacitated if they lack the physical and/or mental ability to make informed, rational decisions about whether or not to engage in sexual activity. A person with a medical or mental disability may also lack the capacity to give consent. Incapacitation exists when a person could not understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual activity.
1. It shall not be a valid excuse that a person affirmatively consented to the sexual activity if the Respondent knew or reasonably should have known that the person was unable to consent to the sexual activity under any of the following circumstances:
    - a) The person was asleep or unconscious;
    - b) The person was incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication, so that the person could not understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual activity; or
    - c) The person was unable to communicate due to a physical or mental condition.
  2. It shall not be a valid excuse that the Respondent believed that the person consented to the sexual activity under either of the following circumstances:
    - a) The Respondent's belief in Affirmative Consent arose from the intoxication or recklessness of the Respondent;
    - b) The Respondent did not take reasonable steps, in the circumstances known to the Respondent at the time, to ascertain whether the person affirmatively consented.

3. Whether an intoxicated person (as a result of using alcohol, drugs, or medication) is incapacitated will require an individualized determination about the extent to which the alcohol or other drugs impact the person's decision-making ability, awareness of consequences, and ability to make informed judgments. The level of intoxication may change over a period of time based on a variety of individual factors, including the amount of substance consumed, speed of intake, body mass, height, weight, tolerance, food consumption, drinking patterns, and metabolism. A person's own intoxication or incapacitation from drugs or alcohol does not diminish that person's responsibility to obtain Affirmative Consent before engaging in sexual activity.
4. Incapacitation due to alcohol, drugs or medication is a state of intoxication that is so severe that it interferes with a person's capacity to make informed and knowing decisions. A person who is incapacitated may not be able to understand where they are, whom they are with, how they got there, or what is happening. Signs that a person may be incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a) slurred speech or difficulty communicating clearly;
  - b) clumsiness or lack of physical coordination (e.g., difficulty standing or walking without assistance);
  - c) impaired motor skills (e.g., eating, drinking, texting);
  - d) disorientation regarding time and place;
  - e) difficulty concentrating;
  - f) vomiting;
  - g) combativeness or emotional volatility; or
  - h) sleeping, unconsciousness, or going in and out of consciousness.
5. Incapacitation may also include memory impairment or an inability to recall entire or partial events (sometimes referred to as "black-out" or "brown-out"). A person may experience this symptom while appearing to be functioning "normally," including communicating through actions or words that can reasonably and objectively be interpreted as communicating consent to engage in sexual activity. Total or partial loss of memory, alone, may not be sufficient, without additional evidence, to prove that an individual was incapacitated under this Policy. Whether sexual activity under these circumstances constitutes Prohibited Conduct depends on the presence or absence of the outwardly observable factors indicating that an individual is incapacitated, as described above.
6. In evaluating Affirmative Consent in cases involving incapacitation, the CSU considers the totality of available information in determining whether a Respondent knew or reasonably should have known that the Complainant was incapacitated.

H. **Relevant** means having significant and demonstrable bearing on the matter at hand.

- I. **Remedies** are individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the Complainant at the conclusion of the Formal Complaint process where the Respondent has been found responsible.

Remedies may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escorts, restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures.

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of Remedies.

- J. **Respondent** means an individual who has been alleged to be a perpetrator of conduct that could constitute Sexual Harassment as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy.

- K. **Sexual Harassment** means conduct on the basis of Sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. An Employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the University on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct.
2. Unwelcome conduct determined based on the reasonable person standard to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to an Education Program or Activity.
3. **Sexual Assault** includes the following:
  - a) **Rape** is the penetration, or attempted penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the Affirmative Consent of the Complainant. Rape also includes the attempted penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the Affirmative Consent of the Complainant, with the present ability and the intent to commit Rape.
  - b) **Fondling** is the touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the Affirmative Consent of the victim, including instances where the Complainant is incapable of giving Affirmative Consent because of their age or because of their temporary or permanent mental incapacity
  - c) **Incest** is sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
  - d) **Statutory Rape** is sexual intercourse with a person who is under the age of 18 years, the California statutory age of consent. The definition of Affirmative Consent is that under Article VII.A.3 above.
4. **Dating Violence** means physical violence or threat of physical violence committed by a person:

- I. who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Complainant; and
- II. where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors:
  - i. The length of the relationship.
  - ii. The type of relationship.
  - iii. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

5. **Domestic Violence** means physical violence or threat of physical violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the Complainant, by a person with whom the Complainant shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the Complainant as a spouse or intimate partner, or by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the Complainant.

6. **Stalking** means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to:

- a) fear for their safety or the safety of others; or
- b) suffer substantial emotional distress.

L. **Simultaneously** means at approximately the same time.

M. **Supportive Measures** are individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the Complainant or Respondent regardless of whether a Formal Complaint is filed. Supportive Measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to CSU Education Programs or Activities without unreasonably burdening the other Party, including to protect the safety of all Parties or the educational environment.

Supportive Measures may include counseling, extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments, modifications of work or class schedules, campus escorts, mutual restrictions on contact between the parties, changes in work or housing locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus, and other similar measures.

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of Supportive Measures. Supportive Measures will remain confidential except when it is not possible to maintain confidentiality in order to provide the Supportive Measures.

- 1. **Review of Supportive Measures** - A Complainant or Respondent may request modification or reversal of a decision to provide, deny, modify, or terminate Supportive Measures applicable to them.
- 2. This request will be reviewed by an appropriate and impartial Employee:

1. If the original decision about Supportive Measures was made by a person with authority delegated by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, the review will be conducted by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator.
2. If the original decision about Supportive Measures was made by the Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator, the review will be conducted by a Systemwide Director for Civil Rights.
3. If the reviewer determines that the decision to provide, deny, modify, or terminate the Supportive Measure was inconsistent with the Nondiscrimination Policy's requirements, expectations, or standards for Supportive Measures, they may modify or reverse the decision. In making this determination, the reviewer should consider:
  1. Do the Supportive Measures unreasonably burden a Complainant or Respondent?
  2. Are the Supportive Measures punitive?
  3. Are the Supportive Measures reasonably available and restore access to the CSU's programs, activities, or employment?
  4. Are the Supportive Measures being offered or provided during the informal resolution process or formal complaint resolution process?
4. A Complainant or Respondent may also seek additional modification or termination of a Supportive Measure applicable to them if circumstances change materially by contacting the Title IX Coordinator / DHR Administrator.
5. The University will not share information about any Supportive Measures with anyone other than the person to whom they apply, including informing one Party of Supportive Measures provided to another Party, unless necessary to arrange or provide the Supportive Measure or restore or preserve a Party's access to the CSU's education programs, activities, or employment, or when otherwise required by state or federal law.

### **Article III. Response to Report of Sexual Harassment**

#### **A. Response to a Report of Sexual Harassment**

After receiving a report of Sexual Harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will contact the Complainant promptly to discuss the availability of Supportive Measures. This outreach to the Complainant will include the following:

1. A statement that the campus has received a report of Sexual Harassment as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy.
2. A description of the role of the Title IX Coordinator.
3. Information regarding counseling and other support resources.

4. A statement regarding the importance of preserving evidence.
5. A statement that the Complainant may, but is not required to, report to law enforcement any allegations that could constitute criminal behavior.
6. A request for the Complainant to meet with the Title IX Coordinator, or other designated employee, to discuss the Complainant's options and next steps.
7. A statement that the Complainant can be accompanied by an Advisor of their choice during any meeting relating to the report and any subsequent Complaint process.
8. Information regarding potential Supportive Measures, where applicable.
9. A brief summary of the investigation procedures.
10. An explanation of how the campus responds to reports of Nondiscrimination Policy violations and a description of potential disciplinary consequences.
11. A statement that retaliation for making a Complaint or participating in a Complaint process is prohibited by the Nondiscrimination Policy.

**B. Written Information Regarding Rights and Options for Complainants Reporting Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking** Along with the information provided in the outreach communication, the Title IX Coordinator will provide Complainants alleging Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence or Stalking, with the information in Attachment D to the Nondiscrimination Policy - Rights and Options for Victims of Sexual Misconduct/Sexual Assault, Sexual Exploitation, Dating And Domestic Violence, And Stalking.

**C. Response to a Formal Complaint** In response to a Formal Complaint, the process described in this Track will be followed. In the absence of a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will provide appropriate Supportive Measures as described above. A Formal Complaint must be investigated even if the Complainant does not know the Respondent's identity.

The Title IX Coordinator will conduct an intake meeting with any Complainant who responds to outreach communication, or otherwise makes a report of a potential Nondiscrimination Policy violation to discuss the Complainant's options, explain the process, and provide information about Supportive Measures. During the discussion, the Title IX Coordinator will consider the Complainant's wishes with respect to Supportive Measures, inform the Complainant of the availability of Supportive Measures with or without the filing of a Formal Complaint, and explain the process for filing a Formal Complaint.

**D. Reasonable Accommodations** Any person with a Disability who seeks reasonable accommodations to participate in the Formal Complaint submission or investigation process will be referred to the appropriate campus administrator (for Students, the services for students with disabilities administrator, and for Employees the appropriate human resources administrator) who may consult with the Title IX Coordinator to determine the reasonableness of a requested accommodation.

**E. Neutrality of Process** the Title IX Coordinator will make reasonable efforts to ensure that anyone involved in conducting investigations, finding facts, and making disciplinary decisions in a matter will be impartial, neutral, and free from actual Conflicts of Interest. A

Conflict of Interest exists if a person has a personal relationship with one of the Parties or witnesses, has a reporting employment relationship with a Party, or has demonstrated actual bias towards a Party or witness or towards Complainants or Respondents in general. Any party who seeks to disqualify the Title IX Coordinator due to bias or a Conflict of Interest will direct their request to the Chancellor's Office Appeals Unit at [CO-Appeals@calstate.edu](mailto:CO-Appeals@calstate.edu). Requests for disqualification shall be supported by evidence that the Bias or Conflict of Interest prevents the Title IX Coordinator from fairly performing their duties. Mere belief or opinion does not constitute evidence.

- F. **Emergency Removal** A Student Respondent may be removed from an Education Program or Activity on an emergency basis before an investigation concludes or where no investigation or hearing is pending. Prior to the removal, an individualized safety and risk analysis will be conducted.

The removal is referred to as an "Emergency Removal," and has the effects of an Interim Suspension, as set forth in the [Student Conduct Process, Article VI](#), including that during the period of the Emergency Removal, the Student may not, without prior written permission from the Campus president or designee, enter any campus of the California State University other than to attend a hearing.

As with Interim Suspensions, as set forth in the [Student Conduct Process, Article VI](#), the president or vice president designee, in consultation with the Title IX Coordinator, will determine whether there is an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any Student or other individual arising from the allegations of Sexual Harassment to warrant Emergency Removal. An assessment that the Respondent poses a threat of obstructing the Sexual Harassment investigation or destroying Relevant evidence does not justify Emergency Removal.

Where a determination is made that justifies Emergency Removal, the Respondent will be provided with notice and given an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the [Student Conduct Process, Article VI](#), including the right to a hearing within **10 Working Days** of a request by the Respondent for such a hearing, to determine if there is an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of a Student or other individual arising from the allegations of Sexual Harassment. The hearing will be conducted under the [Student Conduct Process, Article III.D](#), and not this Track as it relates to hearings.

If it is determined that the alleged conduct does not arise from the Sexual Harassment allegation/s, the campus may address a Student Respondent's alleged conduct under the Student Conduct Code.

- G. **Administrative Leave (Temporary Suspension)** A campus may place a non-student Employee on Administrative Leave (sometimes referred to as Temporary Suspension) in accordance with applicable Collective Bargaining Agreements or CSU policies while the Formal Complaint process is pending.

## **Article IV. Dismissal/Referral of a Formal Complaint**

When the Title IX Coordinator receives a Formal Complaint, or where new information or events arise, the Title IX Coordinator will assess whether the Formal Complaint meets the requirements of the Federal Regulations to move forward under the process in this Track. A determination that allegations in a Formal Complaint do not meet the requirements of the Federal Regulations will result in a dismissal of the allegations in the Formal Complaint that do not meet the requirements and, in some cases, a referral of the allegations to another process as the campus may have an obligation to address the matter under other laws and policies. The Federal Regulations require two types of dismissals: mandatory and discretionary.

### **A. Mandatory Dismissal/Referral**

The Title IX Coordinator will determine whether allegations in a Formal Complaint must be dismissed for purposes of the Federal Regulations.

If a Formal Complaint is dismissed it may still be referred, if appropriate, to be addressed under the processes in the CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Student Respondent Procedures (Track 2 or Track 3) and the CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Employee and Third-Party Respondent Procedures (Track 3), Student Conduct Process, or other applicable policies.

Under the Federal Mandated Hearing Process, a Formal Complaint will be dismissed as to any conduct alleged that:

1. Would not meet the definition of Sexual Harassment as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy even if proved.
2. Did not occur in an Education Program or Activity.
3. Did not occur in the United States.

### **B. Discretionary Dismissal**

At any time during the process, it is within the discretion of the Title IX Coordinator to dismiss a Formal Complaint, or any conduct alleged within a Formal Complaint, where:

1. A Complainant notifies the Title IX Coordinator in writing that the Complainant would like to withdraw the Formal Complaint or any part of it;
2. The Respondent is no longer a Student or Employee; or
3. If the specific circumstances prevent the campus from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the Formal Complaint or allegations therein.

### **C. Notice Requirement**

Written notice of a mandatory or discretionary dismissal and reason(s) for the dismissal will be sent Simultaneously to the Parties when a Title IX Coordinator dismisses a Formal Complaint. The notice will inform the Parties of their right to appeal the dismissal, whether the matter will be referred to another process, and the process for submitting an appeal. This

notice may be accompanied by a notice of allegations, as described in Article VI. below, where a notice of allegations has not already been provided.

#### **D. Appeal after Mandatory or Discretionary Dismissal**

Either Party may appeal from a dismissal of a Formal Complaint or any part of the Complaint. The appeal must be filed within **10 Working Days** from the date of the notice of dismissal. The appeal will be in writing and will be based only on one or more of the following grounds:

1. A procedural irregularity occurred that affected the dismissal of the Formal Complaint.
2. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time the dismissal decision was made that could affect the decision to dismiss the Formal Complaint.
3. The Title IX Coordinator (or designee) who dismissed the Formal Complaint, had a Conflict of Interest or Bias for or against the Complainant or Respondent in this case or Complainants or Respondents in general that affected the outcome of the matter.

Appeals will be filed with the Chancellor's Office (CO) and will be addressed to:

Civil Rights Appeals Unit  
Office of the Chancellor  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California 90802  
[CO-Appeals@calstate.edu](mailto:CO-Appeals@calstate.edu)

If a Party is unable to file an appeal or a response to an appeal electronically, they should contact the campus Title IX Office for assistance.

When an appeal is submitted, the other Party as well as the campus Title IX Coordinator will be notified in writing. In response to the appeal, the other Party will be given **5 Working Days** from their receipt of notice of the appeal to submit a written statement in support of or challenging the dismissal. Within **10 Working Days** of the CO's receipt of the appeal, the Parties will Simultaneously receive (via email) a written decision with explanation.

The CO review will not involve a new assessment of the dismissal/referral or consideration of evidence that was not introduced during the campus review, unless the new evidence was not reasonably available at the time of the campus review.

If the CO review determines that the dismissal/referral should be reviewed to cure any defects, the matter will be remanded back to the campus to reassess within a timeframe specified by the CO. The Parties will be informed Simultaneously of the review and the timeframe. Once the review is complete the campus will provide the Parties and the CO with either a notice of dismissal/referral or notice of allegations, depending on the outcome, that reflects any changes to the determination. The notice will inform the Parties of their right to appeal, and the CO will contact the appealing Party to determine whether that Party wishes to continue with the appeal.

The CO appeal response is final and concludes the dismissal/referral process under Track 1. If there is a mandatory dismissal of a Formal Complaint, it does not preclude the campus from later identifying a relevant policy or policies that address the alleged conduct, notifying the Parties of the policy or policies, and moving forward under the procedures of those policies.

### **Article V. Consolidation of Formal Complaints**

Where Parties assert Formal Complaints against each other, and they arise out of the same events or circumstances, the Title IX Coordinator may consolidate the Formal Complaints into one.

### **Article VI. Notice of Allegations**

When the Title IX Coordinator receives a Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator will Simultaneously provide both Parties a written notice of allegations.

The notice of allegations will be provided to both Parties regardless of whether the Formal Complaint must be dismissed under Article IV. If a Formal Complaint is dismissed at this stage of the process, the notice of allegations will also include the notice of dismissal and appeal rights.

The notice of allegations will include:

- A. A copy of, or web link to, the relevant procedures, including this Track.
- B. The identities of the Parties involved in the incident, if known.
- C. A summary of the Formal Complaint (e.g., "who," "what," "when," and "where").
- D. Reference to the specific definition of Sexual Harassment under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy that is implicated in the Formal Complaint.
- E. A statement that the Respondent is presumed not responsible for the alleged conduct and that a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the Formal Complaint process.
- F. A description of the Formal Complaint process (including the right to hearing and appeal).
- G. Information about the Parties' right to an Advisor (as defined below), and that an Advisor may be, but is not required to be, an attorney.
- H. A statement that if a Party has an Advisor (as defined below), a copy of evidence and a subsequent final investigation report will be Simultaneously sent to both the Party and their Advisor unless the Party notifies the Investigator or Title IX Coordinator in writing that they do not wish this information to be sent to their Advisor.
- I. A statement that reads as follows: "A Complainant shall proceed with a Formal Complaint in good faith and a Complainant who knowingly and intentionally files a false Formal Complaint or any individual who is determined to have provided false statements or information during the investigation/appeal review shall be subject to discipline in accordance with the Student Conduct Code, applicable collective bargaining agreements, CSU policies, or legal requirements (e.g., Education Code Section 89530 et seq.). Likewise, the Respondent and

witnesses are required to cooperate with the investigation including being forthright and honest during the process. The mere fact that two individuals have different recollections, and one is later found to be more credible does not make the other person's statement false. Disciplinary action against an individual for knowingly filing a false Formal Complaint or for providing a knowingly false statement will not be deemed to be Retaliation".

- J. An explanation that the Complainant and Respondent will have equal opportunities to present Relevant witnesses and inculpatory and exculpatory evidence in connection with the investigation and at any hearing.
- K. A statement that the Parties may identify specific documents and information that they believe are Relevant and request that the Investigator attempt to collect such documents and other information that are not reasonably accessible to the requesting Party.
- L. The estimated timeline for completion of the investigation.
- M. A statement that upon request, the Complainant and Respondent will be advised of the status of the investigation.
- N. A description of the University's policy against Retaliation, as defined under Article V.A.10 of the Nondiscrimination Policy.

If new allegations are raised during the investigation that were not included in the notice of allegations, a revised notice of allegations will be issued Simultaneously to the Parties.

If the notice of allegations also serves as notice of a Respondent's expected attendance at an interview, it will include details of the **date, time, location, participants, and purpose of that interview**. The notice of allegations must be provided to a Respondent at least **5 Working Days** prior to the interview.

If a Respondent requests to meet sooner than **5 Working Days** after receipt of the notice of allegations, they should verbally confirm at the start of the meeting that they are aware that they were provided notice of at least **5 Working Days** and this confirmation should be documented by the Title IX Coordinator or Investigator.

## **Article VII. Informal Resolution**

At any time prior to the issuance of the Hearing Officer's Report, if the Title IX Coordinator or either Party believes that it may be possible to resolve the Formal Complaint in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner without a hearing, the Parties may consider an Informal Resolution that does not involve a full investigation and adjudication, subject to the following:

- A. Informal Resolution under Track 1 may **only** be offered where a Formal Complaint has been filed.
- B. The campus cannot offer or facilitate Informal Resolution under Track 1 to resolve allegations that an Employee sexually harassed a Student.
- C. The campus must obtain the Parties' voluntary, written consent before starting the Informal Resolution process.

Once the Title IX Coordinator determines that Informal Resolution is appropriate, the Parties should Simultaneously be provided written notice regarding Informal Resolution that includes the following:

- A. The allegations of Sexual Harassment, as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy.
- B. The requirements of the Informal Resolution process including that once the Informal Resolution process is finalized neither Party is permitted to file another Formal Complaint arising from the same allegations.
- C. An explanation that at any time prior to agreeing to a resolution, any Party has the right to withdraw from the Informal Resolution process and resume the Formal Complaint process.
- D. An explanation of any consequences resulting from participating in the Informal Resolution process, including the records that will be maintained or could be shared.
- E. The Parties' right to consult with an Advisor, if any.

The Title IX Coordinator will oversee the Informal Resolution process and make the final determination on all Informal Resolutions facilitated by the Title IX Coordinator or designee regarding whether the terms agreed to by the Parties are appropriate in light of all of the circumstances of the Formal Complaint.

The Informal Resolution process will be completed prior to any determination of responsibility being made, but no later than **60 Working Days** after both Parties provide voluntary, written consent to participate in the Informal Resolution process.

The campus may not require the Parties to participate in an Informal Resolution process Track 1, nor may a Party be required to waive their right to the investigation and adjudication of a Formal Complaint as a condition of enrollment or employment, or continuing enrollment or employment.

The terms of any Informal Resolution must be put in writing and signed by the Parties, and the Title IX Coordinator. Prior to signing the Informal Resolution, the Title IX Coordinator will consult with the student conduct administrator and/or other appropriate campus administrator responsible for the implementation of the terms. Use of electronic signatures is permitted.

Any agreed-upon Remedies and disciplinary sanctions will have the force and effect of sanctions imposed following a hearing.

The resolution will be final and not appealable by either Party.

## **Article VIII. Investigation of a Formal Complaint**

The Title IX Coordinator will either promptly investigate the Formal Complaint or assign this task to another Investigator. If assigned to another Investigator, the Title IX Coordinator will monitor, supervise, and oversee all such delegated tasks, including reviewing all investigation draft reports before they are final to ensure that the investigation is sufficient, appropriate, impartial, and in compliance with this Track.

### **A. Gathering of Evidence**

The burden of proof and the burden of gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination regarding responsibility rests on the campus and not on the Parties. The investigator will take reasonable steps to gather all relevant evidence from the Parties, other witnesses, or other sources. The investigator will document the steps taken to gather evidence, even when those efforts are not successful.

Parties should be aware that **all** evidence Directly Related to the investigation will be provided to the other Party, subject to the exceptions described below.

The campus cannot access, consider, disclose, 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's 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, unless the campus obtains that Party's voluntary, written consent to do so for a Formal Complaint process under this Track<sup>17</sup>.

The campus will not restrict the ability of either Party to discuss the allegations under investigation or to gather and present Relevant evidence (for example, contacting a potential witness).

## **B. Advisors**

The Complainant and the Respondent may each elect to be accompanied by an Advisor to any meeting, interview, or proceeding regarding the allegations that are the subject of a Formal Complaint. The advisor may be anyone, including a union representative from the Complainant's or Respondent's collective bargaining unit, an attorney, or, in the case of the Complainant, a Sexual Assault Victim's Advocate.

The Advisor may not answer questions regarding the subject matter of the investigation for the Complainant or the Respondent or speak on behalf of a Complainant or Respondent. However, the Advisor may observe and consult with the Complainant or Respondent.

### *Hearing Advisors*

The Complainant and Respondent must have a hearing advisor at the hearing. A hearing advisor will be responsible for asking the other Party and any witnesses all Relevant questions and follow-up questions, including those that challenge credibility, during the hearing. During a hearing, Parties may not ask questions of the other Party or any witnesses. Questioning at the live hearing will be conducted directly, orally, and in real time by the Party's hearing advisor of choice or a hearing advisor provided by the campus if the Party does not have a hearing advisor.

The hearing advisor may be the same person as the advisor. A Party may have both an Advisor and a hearing advisor present at a hearing. If a Party does not have a hearing advisor to perform questioning during the hearing, the campus shall provide the Party with a hearing advisor for this purpose.

### *Advisors Generally*

The Title IX Coordinator or Investigator will explain to the Complainant and Respondent that they may request that their advisor, if any, be copied on communications during the Formal

Complaint process. Any such request will be in writing to the Title IX Coordinator or Investigator and should include the Advisor's name and contact information.

The Title IX Coordinator or Investigator will also explain that Advisors **will** receive a copy of the evidence and Final Investigation Report, unless the Party specifically directs in writing that this information should not be sent to their Advisor.

Although reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate hearing advisors and Advisors, undue delays affecting the complaint resolution timeline will not be permitted. Disruptive, abusive, or disrespectful behavior also will not be tolerated. At the discretion of the investigator or Title IX Coordinator during meetings or interviews and of the hearing officer during hearings, a hearing advisor or Advisor who engages in disruptive, abusive, or disrespectful behavior will not be permitted to participate. If a hearing advisor is excused during a hearing, the campus will either provide a Party with another hearing advisor or allow the Party to obtain another hearing advisor. It is within the hearing officer's discretion to proceed with or postpone the hearing in order to address the situation.

### C. Notice of Meetings, Interviews and Hearings

Parties will be provided written notice of the **date, time, location, names of participants, and purpose** of all meetings and investigative interviews at which their participation is expected. This written notice should be provided with at least **3 Working Days** for the Party to prepare to participate in the meeting or interview. This requirement will not apply where a Party themselves requests to meet with the Title IX Coordinator or Investigator or as addressed in Article VI of this Track.

If a Party requests to meet with the Title IX Coordinator sooner than **3 Working Days** after receipt of written notice of an investigative interview or meeting, they should verbally confirm at the start of the interview or meeting that they are aware that they were provided notice of at least **3 Working Days** and this confirmation should be documented by the Title IX Coordinator or Investigator.

### D. Review of Evidence

Before issuing a final investigation report, the investigator will send to the Complainant and Respondent, and their respective advisors,<sup>18</sup> if any, **all** evidence (including evidence upon which the campus does not intend to rely) obtained as part of the investigation that is Directly Related to the allegations raised in the Formal Complaint (preliminary investigation report). This includes inculpatory or exculpatory evidence whether obtained from a Party or other source, redacted if required by law.

The requirement to provide all Directly Related evidence does not include illegally obtained evidence (e.g., conversations recorded without the consent of the participants). Neither the preliminary nor final investigation report will include information protected by a legally recognized privilege, the Complainant's sexual history, or a Party's treatment records if the Party has not given voluntary, written consent to the disclosure of those treatment records.

The preliminary investigation report will: (a) describe the allegations; (b) identify the material facts—undisputed and disputed—with explanations as to why any material fact is disputed; and

(c) describe the evidence presented and considered. Where not contained within the preliminary investigation report itself, evidence should be attached to the preliminary investigation report as exhibits.

The preliminary investigation report and any exhibits must be sent in electronic format (which may include use of a file sharing platform that restricts the Parties and any advisors from downloading or copying the evidence) **or** hard copy. The Investigator may use discretion in determining how to send the preliminary investigation report to the Parties and their advisors, if any, in light of the particular circumstances and any Party or witness privacy concerns.

This process is collectively referred to as the "review of evidence."

Each Party will be given a minimum of **10 Working Days** for the initial review of evidence to respond to the list of disputed facts and evidence and submit additional questions for the other Party and witnesses. This timeframe may be extended at the discretion of the Title IX Coordinator (either on their own or in response to a Party's request). The extension must be made available to both Parties, who must be notified as such. During the review of evidence, each Party may:

1. Meet again with the investigator to further discuss the allegations.
2. Identify additional disputed facts.
3. Respond to the evidence in writing.
4. Request that the investigator ask additional specific questions to the other Party and other witnesses.
5. Identify additional relevant witnesses.
6. Request that the investigator gather additional evidence.

The investigator will share with the Parties the answers to questions posed during the review of evidence. If additional disputed material facts are identified or evidence is gathered, it will be included in the preliminary investigation report (or in a separate addendum) and shared with all Parties, who will be given a reasonable opportunity to respond to the new evidence and submit additional questions to the other Party and other witnesses about the new evidence only. The investigator determines when it is appropriate to conclude the review of evidence.

#### **E. Final Investigation Report**

After the review of evidence phase is concluded, the Parties will receive a final investigation report that will summarize all **Relevant** evidence (inculpatory and exculpatory), including additional Relevant evidence received during the review of evidence. Any Relevant documentary or other tangible evidence provided by the Parties or witnesses, or otherwise gathered by the Investigator will be attached to the final investigation report as exhibits.

As part of an Informal Resolution, at the request of both Parties, campuses will provide a written preliminary assessment of the evidence by the Title IX Coordinator. Neither the fact nor the substance of the assessment will be shared with the hearing officer or considered Relevant at the hearing.

The final investigation report shall be sent to the Parties and their respective advisors, if any, in electronic format (which may include use of a file sharing platform that restricts the Parties and any Advisors from downloading or copying the evidence) **or** hard copy. The Parties and their advisors will be provided **10 Working Days** to review and provide a written response to the final investigation report. Campuses will inform Parties not to include any reference to the preliminary assessment and that any such references will be redacted.

The written response will be attached to the final investigation report and provided to the hearing officer, if appropriate, and the Parties. Any references to a preliminary assessment, assuming one was requested, will be redacted from this written response. No documentation should be provided to the hearing officer if an Informal Resolution is reached.

#### F. **Timeframe for Completion of Investigation**

Absent a determination of good cause made by the investigator or Title IX Coordinator (of which the Parties will receive written notice): (i) the investigation should be concluded within **100 Working Days** from the date that the notice of allegations is provided to the Parties; and (ii) the final investigation report should be completed and provided to the Parties within **10 Working Days** after the review of evidence has concluded. Extensions may be granted for good cause as determined by the Title IX Coordinator. The Parties will receive written notice from the Title IX Coordinator or designee if an extension is necessary and why. The notice will indicate if the extension alters the timeframes for the major stages of the Formal Complaint process.

Within **10 Working Days** after the Parties have been provided the final investigation report, the Parties will be informed of the timelines that will apply to the pre-hearing and hearing processes described in Article IX below. The Parties will be required to provide the name and contact information for their hearing advisor within **5 Working Days** after notice of the hearing timeline.

### **Article IX. Hearing**

1. A hearing coordinator, (either the student conduct administrator, Title IX Coordinator, or other appropriate administrator) will be responsible for coordinating the hearing process. The hearing coordinator's duties will include: scheduling the hearing; notifying witnesses of the hearing; ensuring that the hearing officer is provided with appropriate materials including a copy of the report and any exhibits; coordinating videoconferencing; and securing a location for the hearing (if necessary). The hearing coordinator will also act as liaison between the Parties and the hearing officer on procedural matters.
2. The Parties will be given written notice of the **date, time, location, participants, and purpose of the hearing**, as well as the **identity of the hearing officer**. Notification of the hearing will be sent to the designated CSU campus email address, unless the recipient has specifically requested in writing to the hearing coordinator that notice be given to a different email address. Communications from the hearing coordinator will be deemed received on the date sent. The hearing will not be set sooner than **20 Working Days** after the date of notice of hearing.
3. Timelines:

### **Objection to Hearing Officer**

Any objections to an appointed hearing officer must be made in writing to the hearing Coordinator within **5 Working Days** after notice of the identity of the hearing officer has been communicated to the Parties.

The objection may only be based on an actual Conflict of Interest. A Conflict of Interest exists if the hearing officer has a personal relationship with one of the Parties or witnesses or has demonstrated actual bias towards a Party or witness.

The fact that a hearing officer has previously served as a hearing officer in a campus proceeding will not constitute a Conflict of Interest. The hearing coordinator will determine if a Conflict of Interest exists. In that event, the Parties will be notified in writing of the name of the new hearing officer. The date for the hearing may need to be rescheduled. Any objection to the new hearing officer will be made in accordance with this section.

### **Pre-Hearing Process**

No later than **15 Working Days** before the hearing, each Party may:

- a. Provide to the hearing coordinator a proposed witness list that includes the names of, and current contact information for, that Party's proposed witnesses as well as an explanation of the relevance of each proposed witness's testimony and the disputed issue to which the witness's testimony relates. The hearing officer may also identify witnesses from the final investigation report.

No later than **10 Working Days** before the hearing, the hearing coordinator will:

- a. Share a final witness list with the Parties;
- b. Notify each witness of the date, time, and location of the hearing. Witnesses will be directed to attend the hearing and to promptly direct any questions or concerns about their attendance at the hearing to the hearing coordinator.

No later than **5 Working Days** prior to the hearing, the Parties may submit a list of proposed questions to the hearing coordinator. The questions will be provided to the hearing officer. Parties are strongly encouraged to provide questions in advance of the hearing in order to streamline the hearing process and provide the hearing officer an opportunity to resolve relevancy concerns prior to the hearing. The proposed questions will not be shared with the other Party.

The hearing officer will make all determinations regarding pre-hearing matters, including which witnesses have Relevant testimony and will participate and which questions, if submitted, are Relevant and will promptly notify the hearing coordinator who, in turn, will promptly notify the Parties.

The hearing is closed to all persons except the Parties; the Parties' respective hearing advisors; one Advisor for each Party; appropriate witnesses while they are testifying; the student conduct administrator or human resources officer; Title IX Coordinator; Title IX

Investigator; hearing officer; hearing coordinator; and any person necessary to create a formal record of the proceeding (including a technological support, videographer, or similar role.) A CSU administrator may also be present but will not participate in the hearing. Campus police or a security officer may also be present if deemed appropriate or necessary by the appropriate campus administrator, hearing coordinator, or hearing officer.

4. The campus will direct witnesses who are CSU Employees to attend the hearing. Any Employees, including those in bargaining units, who fail to comply with any such directive may be subject to discipline under the applicable provisions of their collective bargaining agreement or other CSU policy. The campus will take reasonable steps to arrange for Employee witnesses to be available to attend, provided that such Employee witnesses are timely identified to the hearing coordinator in accordance with this Track.
5. The campus will direct Student witnesses to attend the hearing, provided that such Student witnesses are timely identified to the hearing coordinator in accordance with this Track. Students who fail to comply may be subject to discipline, depending on the circumstances. The campus will take reasonable steps to accommodate Student witnesses including arranging for them to be excused from class attendance, if necessary.
6. The campus will make all evidence provided during the investigation, including during review of evidence available at any hearing to give each Party and the hearing officer the opportunity to refer to such evidence during the hearing. This includes evidence upon which the campus does not intend to rely in reaching a determination regarding the Respondent's responsibility.

#### **Hearing Process**

7. Live hearings will be conducted using videoconferencing technology unless circumstances are such that videoconferencing would not be appropriate. Neither Party will be required to be physically present in the same room as the hearing officer, each other, or witnesses. The campus will utilize technology that ensures that Parties will be able to Simultaneously see and hear all of the proceedings and testimony.
8. The hearing will begin with an overview of the hearing process given by the hearing officer, after which the Parties will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the hearing process. Each Party will be given an opportunity to make an opening statement that may not last longer than 10 minutes. Only the Parties themselves will be permitted to make opening statements. The hearing advisor and any advisor are not permitted to make the opening statement. The advisor may not speak during the hearing. Closing arguments will not be made.
9. Each Party is required to have a hearing advisor for purposes of questioning the other Party and witnesses during the hearing. If a Party does not have a hearing advisor prior to the hearing or at the start of the hearing, one will be provided to that Party for the purposes of asking the other Party and any witnesses all Relevant questions and follow-up questions, including those questions challenging credibility. If a Party's hearing advisor does not appear or is excused for conduct that causes a material disruption, a hearing advisor will be provided. In either case, the hearing officer has discretion to proceed with or postpone the hearing.

## Questioning

Generally, the hearing officer will start the questioning of witnesses and Parties. The Investigator or the Title IX Coordinator (if not the Investigator) will be the first witness and will describe the Formal Complaint, investigation process, and summarize the evidence. Hearing advisors will be permitted to ask Relevant questions once the hearing officer has concluded their questioning of the other Party and each witness.

10. The hearing officer may ask questions of any Party or witness who participates in the hearing.
  - a. The Complainant and Respondent may be present (physically or virtually) at all times during the hearing.
  - b. Parties themselves may not directly ask questions of each other and witnesses.
  - c. Each Party's hearing advisor is permitted to ask all Relevant questions of the other Party, the Investigator, and any witnesses, and is also permitted to ask follow-up questions, including those questions challenging credibility. A Party may not be directly questioned by their own hearing advisor. The hearing officer controls the hearing and determines whether a question is Relevant.
  - d. A question is not considered Relevant if it relates to the Complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior, unless such question about the Complainant's prior sexual behavior is offered to prove that someone other than the Respondent committed the conduct alleged by the Complainant, or if the question concerns specific incidents of the Complainant's prior sexual behavior with respect to the Respondent and is asked to prove consent.
  - e. Even if a question relates to a Relevant subject or issue, the hearing officer may determine that the Party or witness being asked the question is not required to answer if the question is repetitive or duplicative of prior questions.
  - f. The hearing officer has the discretion to request information from the Parties or hearing advisors regarding questions prior to making a determination about the relevancy of the question. Neither the Parties nor hearing advisors may assert objections to questions.
  - g. Immediately after each question is asked by the hearing advisor, and before the question is answered, the hearing officer will indicate whether the question is Relevant, and if it is not, provide an explanation as to why the question is excluded as not Relevant. A Complainant, Respondent, or witness will only answer questions posed by a hearing advisor that the hearing officer determines are Relevant.
  - h. In addition to the relevance requirement, all questions must be asked in a respectful, non-abusive manner. The hearing officer determines whether a question satisfies this requirement and may require that the hearing advisor rephrase a relevant question or repeat the question in a respectful manner when the hearing officer determines that the question was asked in a disrespectful or abusive manner.

- i. Abusive or otherwise disorderly behavior that causes a material disruption will not be tolerated. The hearing officer may excuse from the hearing anyone (including either Party or their hearing advisor or Advisor) whose behavior causes a material disruption. Should a hearing advisor be removed from a proceeding, the campus will provide a hearing advisor. The hearing officer, in their discretion, may postpone the hearing. In making a determination whether to postpone the hearing, the hearing officer will consider the equity of postponement as to both Parties.
11. Formal rules of evidence applied in courtroom proceedings (e.g., California Evidence Code) do not apply in the hearing. All Relevant information is considered.
12. Hearsay may be considered but will only be given the weight appropriate under all of the circumstances, with due consideration given to the importance of credibility assessment. Absent extenuating circumstances, the hearing officer will not rely on prior statements made by the Parties or witnesses during the investigation whose credibility is central to the determination unless those Parties or witnesses make themselves available for examination by the hearing officer.

#### **Other Procedural Matters**

13. The hearing officer will not, prior to preparing the hearing officer's report (described below), have substantive communications about the facts of the case with either Party or the investigator unless in the presence of both Parties and a campus official (e.g., hearing coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, or student conduct administrator).
14. The campus will make or arrange for an official audio recording of the hearing. The recording is campus property. No other recording of the hearing is permitted. The audio recording will be retained by the hearing coordinator or designee in accordance with the campus records/information retention and disposition schedule. Parties may request to inspect and review the recording.
15. Absent good cause, the Parties may not introduce evidence, including witness testimony, at the hearing that the Party did not identify during the investigation and that was available at the time of the investigation. The hearing officer has discretion to accept or exclude new evidence offered at the hearing.
16. If either Party fails to appear at the hearing without good cause the hearing will nevertheless proceed. Whether good cause exists is determined by the hearing officer. If a Party fails to appear at the hearing, the hearing advisor for the non-appearing Party will question the other Party.
17. The hearing officer controls the hearing, is responsible for maintaining order during the hearing, and makes whatever rulings are necessary to ensure a fair hearing. The hearing officer's decisions in this regard are final.

#### **Article X. Determination Regarding Responsibility**

After the hearing, the hearing officer will make written findings of fact and conclusions about whether the Respondent violated the Nondiscrimination Policy with respect to the definition of Sexual Harassment under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy (hearing officer's report).

The standard of proof the hearing officer will use is whether each allegation is substantiated by a Preponderance of the Evidence. The Title IX Coordinator will review the hearing officer's report to ensure procedural compliance with this Track.

The hearing coordinator will Simultaneously send the hearing officer's report promptly to the Parties, the Title IX Coordinator, and the appropriate campus administrator, usually within **15 Working Days** of the close of the hearing.

The hearing officer's report must include:

1. Identification of the allegations potentially constituting Sexual Harassment as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy – this should include the factual allegations and the corresponding alleged Nondiscrimination Policy violations.
2. The Preponderance of the Evidence standard.
3. A description of the procedural steps taken from the receipt of the Formal Complaint through the determination incorporated by reference to the Final Investigation Report, including any notifications to the Parties, interviews with Parties and witnesses, site visits, methods used to gather other evidence, and hearings held.
4. The factual findings and the evidence on which the factual findings are based.
5. A statement of, and rationale for, the result as to each allegation, including a determination regarding responsibility.
6. An explanation as to how the determination concerning the relative credibility or lack of credibility of the Parties or witnesses was reached.
7. Conclusions regarding the application of the policy violations defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy to the facts, including a determination of whether the Nondiscrimination Policy was violated and an analysis of the basis for that determination.
8. A summary of the procedural issues raised by the Parties during the pre-hearing or hearing processes.
9. A list of all questions proposed by the Parties at the hearing, and if any questions were not asked, why.
10. A statement as to whether Remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to the campus's education program or activity will be provided by the campus to the Complainant.

If no violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy is found, the president (or designee) will be notified along with the Parties. The notification will include the outcome of the hearing, a copy of the hearing officer's report (redacted as appropriate or as otherwise required by law) and notice of the Complainant's and Respondent's right to appeal to the Chancellor's Office.

If a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy is found, within **5 Working Days** of receiving such finding the Parties may submit to the hearing coordinator an impact statement or other statement regarding discipline that is no more than 2000 words in length. The document is an opportunity for the Parties to suggest disciplinary outcomes and to provide information that they believe is important for the hearing officer to consider. The student conduct administrator and/or appropriate campus administrator responsible for discipline and Title IX Coordinator may also submit a written statement regarding aggravating and mitigating factors that provides a recommendation regarding the disciplinary outcome, including information regarding prior disciplinary outcomes for similar conduct and whether the Respondent was previously found to have violated university policy.

Discipline means any disciplinary action taken to correct a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy, as follows:

1. Discipline for Employees includes, but is not limited to, suspension, demotion, and termination of employment.
2. Discipline for Students includes, but is not limited to, probation, suspension and expulsion and other Sanctions as defined in the Student Conduct Process, Article V.

Within **5 Working Days** after receiving and considering any impact or other statements submitted by the Parties and other statements described above, the hearing officer will submit the hearing officer's report to the president (or designee). The hearing officer's report will be amended to include a statement of, and rationale for, any recommended disciplinary sanctions to be imposed on the Respondent ("final hearing officer's report"). The final hearing officer's report will attach the final investigation report.

In cases where the hearing officer has found a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy, the president (or designee) will review the final investigation report and the final hearing officer's report and issue a decision ("decision letter") concerning the appropriate sanction or discipline within **10 Working Days** of receipt of the final hearing officer's report.

The president (or designee) may impose the recommended sanctions or discipline, adopt a different sanction or discipline or sanctions or discipline, or reject sanctions or disciplines altogether. If the president (or designee) adopts a sanction or discipline other than what is recommended by the hearing officer, the president (or designee) must set forth the reasons in the decision letter.

The president (or designee) will Simultaneously send the decision letter electronically to the Respondent and Complainant at the campus-assigned or other primary email address linked to their campus accounts.<sup>19</sup> The decision letter will also be sent to the student conduct administrator or other appropriate campus administrator responsible for Employee discipline and the hearing officer.

The decision letter will include:

1. The outcome of the hearing, including any sanction imposed, and the name of the Respondent(s).
2. Information regarding the procedures and permissible bases for the Complainant and Respondent to appeal to the Chancellor's Office.
3. If a finding of responsibility is made against the Respondent, a statement as to whether Remedies will be provided to the Complainant that are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the campus's education program or activity. The specifics of any such Remedies

may be discussed separately between the Complainant and the Title IX Coordinator and need not be included in the decision letter.

4. A copy of the final hearing officer's report will be attached to the decision letter, redacted as appropriate or as otherwise required by law.

The president will also send the decision letter to the Title IX Coordinator so that they may determine whether any additional Remedies (or other supportive measure) will be provided or undertaken in order to maintain a safe and nondiscriminatory campus environment.

The determination regarding responsibility and any sanctions become final either on the date that the Chancellor's Office provides the Parties with the written determination of the result of the appeal, if an appeal is filed, or if an appeal is not filed, the date on which an appeal would no longer be considered timely (**11 Working Days** after the date of the decision letter).

The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for effective implementation of any Remedies.

## **Article XI. Appeals**

### **Filing an Appeal to the Chancellor's Office**

A written appeal may be submitted to the Chancellor's Office **no later than 10 Working Days** after the date of the decision letter. All arguments and/or evidence supporting the appeal must be submitted by the deadline to file the appeal. Evidence/arguments submitted after the appeal submission deadline will not be considered by the Chancellor's Office. A **written appeal may not exceed 3,500 words, excluding exhibits**. Appeals will be submitted to:

Civil Rights Appeals Unit  
Office of the Chancellor  
401 Golden Shore  
Long Beach, California 90802  
[CO-Appeals@calstate.edu](mailto:CO-Appeals@calstate.edu)

**Electronic submission to the email address listed above is the preferred method of submitting appeals.**

### **Bases for Appeal**

An appeal will be based only on one or more of the appeal issues listed below:

- a. There was no reasonable basis for the findings or conclusions that resulted in the investigation or hearing outcome.
- b. Procedural errors occurred that would have likely changed the outcome of the hearing.

- c. New evidence that was not reasonably available at the time of the hearing and would have likely affected the hearing officer's decision about whether the Respondent violated the Nondiscrimination Policy.
- d. The Title IX Coordinator, Investigator, or hearing officer had a Conflict of Interest or Bias for or against Complainants or Respondents generally or the individual Complainant or Respondent that affected the outcome of the matter.
- e. The sanction(s) imposed was objectively unreasonable, or arbitrary based on substantiated conduct.

### **Issues and Evidence on Appeal**

The issues and evidence raised on appeal will be limited to those raised and identified during the hearing, unless new evidence that was not reasonably available at the time of the hearing and that could change the hearing outcome becomes available after the campus hearing was completed and is submitted by the appealing Party. The Chancellor's Office may conduct an interview, at the Chancellor's Office discretion, with the appealing Party to clarify the written appeal.

### **Appeal Review**

#### **i. Acknowledgement of Appeal**

The Chancellor's Office will provide prompt written acknowledgement of the receipt of the appeal to the appealing Party, and will provide written notification of the appeal, including a copy of the appeal, to the non-appealing Party and the campus Title IX Coordinator/DHR Administrator. The notice will include the right of the non-appealing Party and the campus to provide a response to the appeal **within 10 Working Days** of the date of the notice. **The appeal response will be limited to 3,500 words, excluding exhibits.** Any response to the appeal received by the Chancellor's Office will be provided to the appealing Party for informational purposes only.

#### **ii. Reasonable Accommodation**

The Chancellor's Office will provide reasonable accommodation(s) to any Party or witness in the appeal process with a qualified Disability upon request by the person needing the accommodation. A reasonable accommodation may include an extension of time under these procedures. The timeframe for the Chancellor's Office appeal response will automatically be adjusted for the time needed, if any, to provide reasonable accommodation(s).

#### **iii. Scope of Chancellor's Office Review**

The Chancellor's Office will not conduct a new investigation or hearing; however, the Chancellor's Office may make reasonable inquiries to determine if the new evidence could have affected the hearing determination. On appeal, the Chancellor's Office does not reweigh the evidence, re- decide conflicts in the evidence, or revisit determinations made by the hearing officer about the credibility or reliability of witnesses and the Parties.

**iv. Chancellor's Office Appeal Response**

The Chancellor's Office appeal response will include a summary of the issues raised on appeal, a summary of the evidence considered, the Preponderance of the Evidence standard, and the determination(s) reached regarding the issue(s) identified within the written appeal. A copy of the final Chancellor's Office appeal response will be forwarded to the Complainant, the Respondent, and the Title IX Coordinator.

**v. Reopening a Campus Investigation or Hearing**

If the Chancellor's Office review determines that an issue raised on appeal would have affected the hearing outcome, the hearing will be remanded back to the campus and the hearing reopened at the campus level. The Chancellor's Office will return the matter to the campus and will specify in writing the timeline by which a reopened hearing must be completed. The Chancellor's Office will notify the Parties of the reopening of the hearing and the timeline for completion of the reopened hearing. The campus will complete the reopened hearing and provide the Chancellor's Office with an amended hearing officer's report. The campus will also provide the Parties with amended notices of hearing outcome, and such notices will provide the opportunity to appeal. Upon receipt of the amended hearing officer's report, if the outcome remains unchanged, the Chancellor's Office will contact the original appealing Party to determine whether that Party wishes to continue with the appeal. If the outcome is reversed by the hearing officer, the Parties will be given an opportunity to appeal.

**vi. Reversal by Chancellor's Office**

If the Chancellor's Office determines that no reasonable fact finder (hearing officer) could have made the findings as determined by the hearing officer, the Chancellor's Office may vacate and reverse the hearing outcome, but only with respect to whether the Nondiscrimination Policy was violated (and not with respect to factual findings). If the Chancellor's Office vacates and reverses the outcome, it will notify the Parties Simultaneously in writing, as well as the Title IX Coordinator. Following a reversal of a hearing outcome by the Chancellor's Office, the Chancellor's Office decision is final and is not subject to further appeal. In the event that the final outcome has been reversed by the Chancellor's Office and a sanction will be imposed by the campus, both Parties have a right to appeal the sanction only. If a sanction is found to be objectively unreasonable, or arbitrary based on substantiated conduct, the matter will be sent back to the campus for reconsideration of the sanction.

**vii. Timeline for Chancellor's Office Response to Appeal**

The Chancellor's Office will respond to the appealing Party no later than **30 Working Days** after receipt of the written appeal, unless the timeline has been extended pursuant to Article XI.D.viii, below.

**viii. Timelines and Extensions**

The Chancellor's Office has discretion to extend the timelines for the appeal process for good cause or for any reasons deemed to be legitimate by the Chancellor's Office. This includes the time for filing an appeal, the time for a hearing to be completed, and the time for the Chancellor's Office to respond to the appeal. The Chancellor's Office will notify the Parties and the Title IX Coordinator of any extensions of time granted pertaining to any portion of the appeal process.

## **Article XII. Retaliation**

Retaliation, including intimidation, coercion, or discrimination against any individual for the purpose of interfering with an individual exercising any rights under this Track, for reporting or filing a Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment (as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy), or for participating or refusing to participate in any manner in any policy-related investigation or proceeding, including a hearing, is prohibited.

The exercise of rights protected under the First Amendment does not constitute retaliation prohibited under this Article.

Complaints of Retaliation that arise from this Track may be filed with the Title IX Coordinator in accordance with the procedures set out in the **CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Student Respondent Procedures** or the **CSU Nondiscrimination Policy – Employee and Third-Party Respondent Procedures**.

Individuals should not be deterred from reporting any incidents of Sexual Harassment or participating in an investigation as a Complainant or witness out of a concern that they might be disciplined for related violations of drug, alcohol, or other university policies. The campus' primary concern is the safety of the campus community; therefore, a person who participates in investigations or proceedings involving Sexual Harassment shall not be subject to discipline for related violations of the Student Conduct Code at or near the time of the incident unless the campus determines the conduct places the health and safety of another person at risk or is otherwise egregious. The campus may, however, have an educational discussion with the person or pursue other educational Remedies regarding alcohol or other drugs.

The campus will keep confidential (except as may be permitted by the FERPA statute or FERPA regulations, or as required by law, or to carry out the purposes of this Track, including the conduct of any investigation, hearing, or judicial proceeding arising thereunder) the identity of:

- a. Any Individual who has made a report or Formal Complaint of sex discrimination, including any individual who has made a report or filed a Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment, as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy.
- b. Any Complainant.
- c. Any Individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of sex discrimination.
- d. Any Respondent.
- e. Any Witness.

## **Article XIII. Recordkeeping**

### **A. Records relating to the Investigation and Hearing Process**

The campus shall maintain records of the following for a period of seven years (from the date of a record's creation), or the timeframe in accordance with the campus records/information retention and disposition schedule, whichever is later:

1. Each Sexual Harassment investigation including any determination regarding responsibility (this includes records created in relation to Formal Complaints that are dismissed).
2. Any audio or audiovisual recording or transcript pertaining to the Formal Complaint process.
3. Any disciplinary sanctions imposed on the Respondent.
4. Any Remedies provided to the Complainant designed to restore or preserve equal access to the campus's education program or activity.
5. Any appeal and the result therefrom (including appeals pertaining to mandatory and discretionary dismissal of Formal Complaints).
6. Any Informal Resolution and the result therefrom.
7. All materials used to train Title IX Coordinators, investigators, hearing officers, and any person who facilitates an Informal Resolution process. The campus shall make these training materials publicly available on its website.

#### **B. Records relating to Supportive Measures**

The campus must create, and maintain the following for a period of seven years or the timeframe in accordance with the campus records/information retention and disposition schedule, whichever is later:

1. Records of any actions, including any Supportive Measures, taken in response to a report or Formal Complaint of Sexual Harassment, as defined under Article V.B of the Nondiscrimination Policy;
2. In each instance, the campus must document the basis for its conclusion that its response was not deliberately indifferent, and document that it has taken measures designed to restore or preserve equal access to the campus's Education Program or Activity; and
3. if the campus does not provide a Complainant with Supportive Measures, the campus must document the reasons why such a response was not clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

#### **Authority**

This policy is issued pursuant to [Section II of the Standing Orders of the Board of Trustees of the California State University](#), and as further delegated by the [Standing Delegations of Administrative Authority](#).

## Endnotes

1. Assaultive or abusive conduct is defined to include a list of 24 criminal offenses, including Sexual Battery, incest, Rape, spousal Rape, abuse of a spouse or cohabitant, and any attempt to commit these crimes. See Cal. Penal Code §§ 11160-11163.2.
2. See Cal. Penal Code §§ 11164-11174.3; see also CSU Executive Order 1083 or any superseding executive order.
3. See Cal. Evid. Code § 1024.
4. See Cal. Evid. Code § 1035.4.
5. If campus management designees identified in CSU Clery policy determine that the Respondent poses a discernible serious or ongoing threat to the campus community, a timely warning will be issued in accordance with the Clery Act. Any such warning will not include any information that identifies the victim.
6. See Government Code 7923.615.
7. See Government Code 7923.615.
8. See Penal Code Sections 220, 261, 261.5, 262, 264, 264.1, 265, 266, 266a, 266b, 266c, 266e, 266f, 266j, 267, 269, 273a, 273d, 273.5, 285, 286, 288, 288a, 288.2, 288.3, 288.4, 288.5, 288.7, 289, 422.6, 422.7, 422.75, 646.9, or 647.6.
9. If campus management designees identified in CSU Clery policy determine that the Respondent poses a discernible serious or ongoing threat to the campus community, a timely warning will be issued in accordance with the Clery Act. Any such warning will not include any information that identifies the victim.
10. Students are also separately subject to discipline in connection with any "conduct that threatens the safety or security of the campus community, or substantially disrupts the functions or operation of the University [...] regardless of whether it occurs on or off campus." (5 Cal. Code Regs. § 41301 (d).).
11. Possible sanctions against Students for a finding of a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy are found in the Student Conduct Process, Article V.
12. A sanction appeal is available for non-hearing cases under the Student Conduct Process, Article IV.
13. Possible sanctions against Employees for a finding of a violation of the Nondiscrimination Policy include written and/or verbal counseling, remedial training, reprimand, suspension, demotion and/or dismissal/termination.
14. Track 1 incorporates the requirements of the U.S. Department of Education's 2020 Federal Regulations and generally tracks language used in the regulations. However, in keeping with the most current best practices, Track 1 has substituted other terms for "victim" where possible.

15. A Formal Complaint may exist even without a signature where something otherwise indicates that the complainant is the person filing the formal complaint. An e-mail from the Complainant would be sufficient.
16. By signing the Formal Complaint, the Title IX Coordinator does not become a party to the investigation or demonstrate bias.
17. If a Party is not an "eligible student," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3 ("Eligible' student means a student who has reached 18 years of age or is attending an institution of postsecondary education"), then the University must obtain the voluntary, written consent of a "parent," as defined in 34 CFR 99.3 ("Parent' means a parent of a student and includes a natural parent, a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or a guardian").
18. Unless the Party informs the Investigator or Title IX Coordinator in writing that they do not wish for this information to be sent to their Support Advisor.
19. The copy of the decision letter issued to the Complainant will be redacted as to findings regarding conduct that does not constitute a "crime of violence," Sexual Misconduct, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking (34 C.F.R. § 99.31 et seq.).