Title IX: Sex Discrimination and Harassment

Title IX of the Education Amendments and TAMHSC rules prohibit discrimination in educational programs and activities offered by the university based upon sex.

Sexual harassment

Sexual harassment, including sexual violence, is a form of sex discrimination and is therefore prohibited under Title IX. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when this conduct is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with a person’s work or educational performance or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.

The following are examples of types of conduct that may constitute sexual harassment:

- Inappropriate touching, patting, or hugging
- Nonconsensual sexual activity
- Invasion of sexual privacy
- Obscene phone calls, texts, emails, photographs or gestures

Incident reporting

A non-faculty employee, student or third party entity/individual who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination, sexual harassment and/or related retaliation should promptly report the incident(s) to his or her supervisor, the Director of Human Resources or designee, or the Title IX Coordinator named below.

A faculty member who believes that he or she has been subjected to discrimination, sexual harassment and/or related retaliation should promptly report the incident(s) to his or her department chair, Dean, Associate or Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, or the Title IX Coordinator named below.

Any person (student, faculty, staff, or guest) who believes that discriminatory practices have been engaged in based upon sex may discuss their concerns and file a complaint of possible violations of Title IX with one of the individuals listed above.

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