

Chapter 3 - General Institution

BP 3430 -- Prohibition of Harassment

All forms of harassment are contrary to basic standards of conduct between individuals. State and federal law, and this policy prohibits harassment and the College will not tolerate harassment.

The College is committed to providing an academic and work environment that respects the dignity of individuals and groups. The College shall be free of all forms of unlawful harassment. Harassment is unlawful if it is based on any of the following statuses: race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, marital status, age, disability, expunged juvenile record, familial status, or genetic information.

The College seeks to foster an environment in which employees, students, and other members of the campus community feel free to report incidents of harassment without fear of retaliation or reprisal. Therefore, the College also strictly prohibits retaliation against any individual for filing a complaint of harassment or for participating in a harassment investigation. Such conduct is illegal and constitutes a violation of this policy. The College will investigate all allegations of retaliation swiftly and thoroughly. If the College determines that someone has retaliated, it will take all reasonable steps within its power to stop such conduct. Individuals who engage in retaliatory conduct are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination or expulsion.

Any student, employee, or other member of the campus community who believes that he/she/they has been harassed or retaliated against in violation of this policy should immediately report such incidents by following the procedures described in procedures #1750, Harassment/Discrimination Complaint/Grievance and #1751, Sexual Harassment, Discrimination and Misconduct (AP 3435 Discrimination and Harassment Complaints and Investigations and AP 3432 Workplace Harassment). The College requires supervisors to report all incidents of harassment and retaliation that come to their attention.

This policy applies to all aspects of the academic environment, including but not limited to classroom conditions, grades, academic standing, employment opportunities, scholarships, recommendations, disciplinary actions, and participation in any community college activity. In addition, this policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including but not limited to hiring, placement, promotion, evaluation, disciplinary action, layoff, recall, transfer, leave of absence, training opportunities and compensation.

To this end, the President shall ensure that the institution undertakes education and training activities to counter harassment and to prevent, minimize, or eliminate any hostile environment that impairs access to equal education opportunity or impacts the terms and conditions of employment.

The President shall establish procedures that define harassment on campus. The President shall further establish procedures for employees and students, and other members of the campus community that provide for the investigation and resolution of complaints regarding harassment and discrimination, and procedures for students to resolve complaints of harassment and discrimination. State and federal law and this policy prohibit retaliatory acts by the College, its employees, students, and agents.

The College will publish and publicize this policy and related written procedures (including the procedure for making complaints) to students and employees, particularly when they are new to the institution. The College will make this policy and related written procedures (including the procedure for making complaints) available in all administrative offices and will post them on the College's website.

Employees who violate the policy and procedures may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Students who violate this policy and related procedures may be subject to disciplinary measures up to and including expulsion.

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References:

BP 3430—OCCA Board Policy and Procedure Program
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S. Code Section 2000e-2
Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972; 20 U.S. Code Sections 1681 et seq.;
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA);
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA);
34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 106;
ORS 659A
ORS 350.330
ORS 243.319

References:

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