

~~finding of procedural violations, a quorum of the full student academic affairs committee shall undertake a full examination of the case. The decision reached by the student academic affairs committee is final and may not be appealed.~~

~~(vi) — Appeal hearing.~~

~~(a) — No member of the student academic affairs committee or the appeal panel will hear a case directly affecting him/her.~~

~~(b) — Prior to the hearing, members of the student academic affairs committee or appeal panel shall review all materials of the appeal packet.~~

~~(c) — Only information contained in the grievance packet and any materials submitted as part of the appeal shall be considered.~~

~~(d) — During the hearing, the following rights are guaranteed to the student and the faculty member: the right to be present during the testimony part of the hearing, the right to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice, the right to speak in support of their argument, the right to present information directly supporting their written items in the grievance or appeal packets or their oral testimony, and the right to refute information presented. Accompanying advisors may not speak or present testimony except by permission of the chair of the committee or appeal panel.~~

~~(e) — After hearing both sides, the committee or appeal panel shall meet in closed session and reach a decision.~~

~~(f) — The chair of the committee or appeal panel shall inform both parties of the decision as soon as reasonably possible.~~

- ~~(g)~~—A written statement of the decision shall be prepared and signed by the chair of the committee or panel, forwarded to the student and faculty member and to the office of the provost within five working days of the decision. Delivery of the appeals decision shall be by regular U.S. mail, certified mail, or hand delivery. The student shall also be notified by sending an email to the students university email address.
- ~~(h)~~—A file of all pertinent documents of all grievances and appeals shall be kept by the office of the provost.
- ~~(i)~~—The decision reached by the student academic affairs committee or by the appeal panel is final and may not be appealed.
- ~~(vii)~~—At the discretion of the chair of the student academic affairs committee, the timelines under preceding paragraphs (I)(7)(b) to (I)(7)(f) of this policy.

~~(2F)~~ Article V/Academic dishonesty and student academic grievance procedures.

~~(1)~~ Academic dishonesty is essential to the educational process and serves to protect the integrity of the university community. Therefore, all members of the university community have a responsibility of maintaining high standards of honesty and ethical practice. Cheating, plagiarism, and other forms of academic dishonesty constitute a serious violation of university conduct regulations. ~~See paragraph (D)(1)(a) of this policy.~~

~~Students who engage in dishonesty in any form on examinations, papers, and course assignments, or who illegally possess examinations, may be charged with academic dishonesty. Furthermore, students shall not submit the work of someone else as their own or utilize ideas taken from other sources without properly citing the source. In addition, work completed in one course that is submitted in another course may constitute academic~~

~~dishonesty. Students should consult with the faculty member if they are not sure what may constitute academic dishonesty.~~

Students should consult with the faculty member if they are not sure what constitutes academic dishonesty. Students suspected of academic dishonesty may be charged with a violation of university conduct regulations under paragraph (D)(1)(a) of this policy. Cases of alleged academic dishonesty shall be resolved in the following manner:

(a) Identification of Academic Dishonesty.

(i) After the faculty member has gathered evidence supporting academic dishonesty, they shall notify the student within 48 hours in writing, via University email, of the allegations and invite the student to participate in an Academic Integrity Conference. The faculty member and student may hold the conference without written notification.

(ii) An Academic Integrity Conference to discuss the allegations shall occur within seven (7) working days of the written notification. If the student fails to attend a conference within seven (7) working days, the following will occur:

(a) The faculty member will complete the Academic Integrity Form (see Appendix A) and will forward this form (without the student's signature) to the departmental chairperson for signature. If the faculty member fails to submit the Academic Integrity Form, the claim of academic dishonesty will be dismissed.

(b) The chairperson will then forward the form to the dean for their signature.

(c) The dean will then forward the form to the Student Conduct Office to be placed in the student's file. The dean and chairperson have the option to submit written statements to be included with the Academic Integrity Form. The dean of the college of graduate studies will be notified and provided a

copy of the form for cases involving graduate students.

(d) The Conduct Office will forward the unsigned Academic Integrity Form along with supporting documents to the Judicial Chair of the Student Academic Grievance Subcommittee for further action.

~~(a) Conference.~~

~~(i) The faculty member should discuss the matter with the student as soon as possible following the alleged act of academic dishonesty that the student is suspected of committing.~~

~~(ii) Following the initial discussion, the student shall be informed in writing of the allegations by the faculty member and requested to attend a conference with the faculty member and appropriate department chair.~~

(iii) During the academic integrity conference, the faculty member shall ~~ould~~ discuss the allegations with the student and determine whether the student is responsible. ~~for the allegations.~~

(a) If the faculty member determines that the student is not responsible, no further action is warranted.

(b) If the faculty member concludes that the student is ~~found to be~~ responsible, the faculty member shall determine the sanction to be imposed ((E) (7)) and complete the academic integrity form. ~~If the student is found not~~ responsible, no further action is warranted. While the student may sign the form immediately, he/she has up to three university working days to do so. The student has the option to accept the charge but contest the sanction or agree to both the

charge and the sanction. Once the form is signed, the decision is final and there is no appeal process.

~~(iv) — Prior to imposing the sanction, the faculty member shall communicate with the student conduct administrator to determine if the student has been involved in any previous academic dishonesty violations.~~

(c) If the student signs the Academic Integrity Form, acknowledging the incident and the sanction, then no committee action is required unless the recommendation is suspension or expulsion.

(i) The student will return the form to the faculty member.

(ii) In turn, the faculty member will forward the form to the departmental chairperson for signature acknowledging the case has been brought to the chair's attention.

(iii) The chairperson will then forward the form to the dean for signature acknowledging the case has been brought to the dean's attention.

(iv) The dean will then forward the form to the Student Conduct Office to be placed in the student's file. The dean and chairperson have the option to submit written statements to be included with the Academic Integrity Form. The dean of the college of graduate studies will be notified and provided a copy of the form for cases involving graduate students.

(d) Regardless of whether the Academic Integrity Form is signed, in situations where suspension or expulsion from the University is recommended by the faculty member, the case will immediately be

_____ sent to the Student Conduct Office and forwarded
 _____ to the Judicial Chair to initiate a panel hearing. A
 _____ representative from the Student Conduct Office
 _____ must be present at all University suspension and
 _____ expulsion hearings to serve in an advisory capacity.

_____ (b) Academic integrity hearing panel structure. The academic integrity
 _____ panel shall consist of:

_____ (i) Judicial Chair shall be the associate provost for academic
 _____ administration or designee appointed by the provost.

_____ (ii) Faculty members are appointed by the Academic Senate and
 _____ serve a two year term. One faculty member selected from each of
 _____ the six colleges. At least three of these appointees will
 _____ have graduate faculty status. A seventh faculty
 _____ member shall be selected by the graduate council to
 _____ represent the graduate college

_____ (iii) Student members are appointed by the associate vice president
 _____ for student experiences and serve a two (2) year term. Graduate
 _____ students may be appointed to a one year term.

_____ (a) Students must complete an application available at the
 _____ student experience office.

_____ (b) Two student members, one undergraduate
 _____ and one graduate, are selected from each of
 _____ the six colleges.

_____ (c) Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 for
 _____ undergraduate students and a 3.0 for graduate students.

_____ (d) Students must not have a previous judicial record.

_____ (e) Students should be sophomore status or above.

_____ (f) A graduate student shall be appointed by the
 _____ dean of the graduate college.

(c) Sanctions.

~~(v)~~ — ~~If the~~ faculty member concludes that the student was responsible, they may impose ~~one or more of the following~~ a sanctions which may include but is not limited to one of the following:

- (a) Warn the student;
- (b) Lower the grade on the exam, paper, and/or the assignment related to the incident; ~~Submit an “F” grade on the exam or paper;~~
- (e) Lower the final grade for the course; ~~Submit an “F” grade for the course;~~ and/or
- ~~(d)~~ Request additional action from the student academic grievance subcommittee, such as removal from a course, university suspension, or expulsion.

(d) Role of the student conduct administrator (SCA) in matters of academic dishonesty.

- (i) To create/maintain a student conduct file containing the completed academic integrity form and supporting documents.
- (ii) To expunge all records, with the exception of expulsion, after seven years. Please note that if within seven years another institution, as a result of the student transferring or applying to graduate school, requests a copy of the student disciplinary record, these records may be revealed.
- (iii) In instances where the academic integrity form is signed, the SCA will acknowledge receipt of this form by emailing the student, faculty member, chairperson, and dean.
- (iv) In instances where the student already has one prior academic dishonesty offense, any additional offenses will constitute a violation of The Student Code of Conduct and will require the student to undergo a student code of conduct hearing through the office of student conduct.

~~(vi) — The faculty member must file with the office of student life a report of academic dishonesty if options listed in paragraphs (1)(2)(a)(v)(b) to~~

~~(1)(2)(a)(v)(d) of this policy are imposed. The student conduct administrator will then notify the student in writing of the decision as well as create a student conduct file, which shall be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law.~~

~~(vii) In cases where a student is charged with an incident of academic dishonesty that is serious, flagrant, or repeated, the student may also be referred to the student academic grievance subcommittee for consideration of additional action, including suspension and expulsion.~~

~~(viii) Following the conference, the accused student has the right to file a grievance and request that the case be reviewed in accordance with the procedures set forth below for undergraduate students or the procedures set forth in the "Graduate Student Grievance Procedure" for graduate students found in the "Youngstown State University Bulletin, Graduate Edition."~~

~~(be)~~ Academic integrity H hearing procedures.

- (i) In cases where the Academic Integrity Form was not signed and/or was not returned to the faculty member, or the faculty member recommended University suspension or expulsion, a hearing of the Academic Grievance Subcommittee is initiated.
- (ii) Within five (5) University working days of receiving the Academic Integrity Form and any supporting evidence from the faculty member, the Judicial Chair shall contact the student involved and request a statement and any evidence they would like to be considered in the case. The student will have five (5) University working days to submit the statement and evidence to the Judicial Chair.
- (iii) Within two (2) University working days of receiving the statement and evidence, the Judicial Chair shall distribute copies of the Academic Integrity Form and any evidence produced by the student and/or faculty member to the Academic Grievance

Subcommittee, the student, faculty member, department chairperson, and appropriate dean. The Academic Integrity Form, course syllabus (submitted by the faculty member, student, or both), and any evidence produced by the student and/or faculty member, chairperson or dean combined are considered to be the Academic Integrity Packet.

- (iv) A hearing date, time, and location for the academic integrity hearing will be established by the judicial chair. Academic grievance subcommittee members shall have a minimum of three days to review all written materials in the academic integrity packet submitted by the affected parties. The academic integrity hearing notice shall be sent to the parties directly involved in the grievance procedure, except advisors and witnesses. Parties directly involved in the academic integrity procedure:
- (a) Parties directly involved in the Academic Integrity procedure.
- (i) Faculty/Student: The party who files the Academic Integrity Form and the party against whom the claim of Academic Dishonesty is filed. If either party cannot or refuses to attend the hearing, they may provide written statements to be submitted for evidence. Faculty members are permitted to have a substitute who will exercise all the rights and responsibilities of the absent faculty member.
- (ii) Department Chairperson: The chairperson of the department in which the faculty member resides. The chairperson's attendance is optional. If the chairperson is in attendance, they will be brought in to speak during the grievance hearing but will not remain in the room throughout the hearing.
- (iii) Dean: The dean of the college in which the faculty member's department is housed. The dean's attendance is optional. If the dean is in attendance, they will be brought in to speak during

the grievance hearing but will not remain in the room throughout the hearing.

(iv) Academic Integrity Hearing Panel: Derived from the membership of the Student Academic Grievance Subcommittee of the Academic Senate. At minimum, it consists of three (3) faculty members, three (3) undergraduate students, and the Judicial Chair. This panel conducts the formal hearing and renders a decision.

(v) Advisors: The student and the faculty member may avail themselves of the services of an advisor throughout the Academic Integrity process. Such an advisor may be drawn from within or outside the University community. Advisors may not present testimony or speak on behalf of the respondent. They are permitted, however, to give notes or whisper instructions/advice to the student or faculty member involved. Examples of advisors include a parent, attorney, clergy, other faculty member, or coach. The advisor may not be the chairperson or dean for the faculty member or student. In situations where a graduate assistant is considered the instructor of record, the chairperson may serve as an advisor and stay throughout the hearing.

(vi) Witness(es): Witnesses who have something to add to the hearing either in support of the faculty member or student are permitted. While the number of witnesses is not limited, the number that present repetitive testimony may be limited.

(vii) No member of an Academic Integrity Hearing Panel will hear a case directly involving him/her.

(v) During the Hearing.

(a) The following rights are guaranteed to the student and the faculty member:

- (i) The right to be present; the right to be accompanied by an advisor of their choice;
 - (ii) The right to speak in support of their argument;
 - (iii) The right to bring witnesses in support of their case;
 - (iv) The right to present information directly supporting their written items in the Academic Integrity Packet, including oral testimony; and
 - (v) The right to refute information presented.
- (b) The Judicial Chair has the right to limit the amount of time testimony is presented by any given individual; remove disruptive individuals from the room; ensure that only the members of the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel, student, and faculty member are present in the room; ensure that all witnesses remain outside the hearing room and are brought in and dismissed after their testimony is presented.
- (vi) After the Hearing.
- (a) The Academic Integrity Hearing Panel shall meet in closed session to review the information presented and reach a decision. The Panel shall vote using secret ballots tallied by the Judicial Chair. The Judicial Chair will only vote in circumstances of a tie among the Panel.
 - (b) After the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel has determined that the student is guilty of Academic Dishonesty, the panel may consider previous resolved cases (on file with the Student Conduct Office) involving the student when assigning an appropriate sanction.
- (viii) Documentation of Academic Integrity Hearing Panel's Decision.

Both parties shall be informed of the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel's decision in writing as soon as reasonably possible. This statement shall be prepared and signed by the Judicial Chair and forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct, Provost and all parties directly involved in the Academic Integrity procedure, except advisors and witnesses within three (3) University working days.

(a) The forwarding of the written statement of the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel's decision ends the Student Academic Grievance Subcommittee's involvement in the disposition of the violation.

(b) A file of all pertinent documents for all Academic Integrity hearings shall be kept by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Student Conduct.

(c) Any change of grade as a result of the Committee ruling should be made by the faculty member and signed by the respective chairperson and/or dean within five (5) University working days. If the faculty member, chairperson and/or dean refuse to sign, then the Provost will sign off on the grade change form.

(viii) At the discretion of the judicial chair, the timeline stated above may be extended.

(ix) Appeals.

(a) Only students may appeal the decision of the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel regarding academic dishonesty. The appeal can only be based on procedural violations and must be submitted within five (5) University working days from the date the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel's decision was made. The request for an appeal is submitted in writing to the Judicial Chair.

(b) The Judicial Chair will forward the written appeal to the Academic Senate Executive Committee within two (2) University working days.

(i) If the Academic Senate Executive Committee determines that no procedural violations occurred,

or that any procedural violations were minor and did not affect the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel's decision, the decision of the Academic Integrity Hearing Panel is upheld and the matter is closed.

(ii) If the Academic Senate Executive Committee determines that procedural violations may have occurred and were potentially substantive, the case will be referred to a three-person committee made of one (1) student and two (2) faculty members to hear the case. This will take place within twelve (12) University working days of receipt of the written appeal. The decision reached by this committee is final and may not be appealed.

(c) Appeal Panel.

(i) No member of the Appeal Panel will hear a case directly affecting him/her.

(ii) Prior to the appeals review, members of the Appeal Panel shall review all submitted materials.

(iii) The chair of the Appeal Panel shall inform both parties of the decision as soon as reasonably possible.

(iv) A written statement of the decision shall be prepared and signed by the chair of the Panel, forwarded to the student and faculty member and to the Student Conduct Office and/or Office of the Provost within five (5) working days of the decision using University email address.

(v) A file of all pertinent documents for all appeals shall be kept by the Student Conduct Office and/or Office of the Provost.

(vi) The decision reached by the Appeal Panel is final and may not be appealed.

(d) At the discretion of the chair of the Appeal Panel, the timeline under the appeal process may be extended.

(e) If the appeal results in a grade change, the grade change form should be completed by the faculty member and signed by the respective chairperson and/or dean within three (3) University working days. If the faculty member, chairperson and/or dean refuse to sign, then the Provost will sign off on the grade change form.³

~~(i) Cases of academic dishonesty that are referred for a hearing shall be heard by the student academic grievance hearing panel (hereinafter "grievance hearing panel"). Cases referred for hearing occur in one of two ways: either the student requests a review of the faculty recommendation or the faculty requests additional sanctions beyond those listed in paragraph (I)(8)(a) of this policy. The grievance hearing panel shall consist of a minimum of two faculty members, two students, and one administrator, who will chair the hearing. The grievance hearing panel shall be appointed from the student academic grievance subcommittee. See paragraph (I)(1) of this policy, "Undergraduate student academic grievance procedure."~~

~~(ii) Hearings for academic dishonesty before the student academic grievance subcommittee shall follow the procedures outlined in (I)(1) of this policy.~~

~~(iii) The grievance hearing panel may impose any of the sanctions outlined in paragraph (G)(5) of this policy.~~

~~(iv) A decision of the grievance hearing panel may be appealed following the procedures outlined in paragraph (I)(7) of this policy.~~

(32) Graduate student academic grievance procedure. The graduate student grievance procedure provides the graduate students at Youngstown state university with a formal channel through which complaints concerning

academic matters may be heard. It creates a system whereby the student may receive assistance in pressing a claim within the organization of the university. The graduate student grievance procedure for filing a grievance is set forth can be found on the college of graduate studies website and in the “Youngstown State University Bulletin, Graduate Edition, Graduate Student Grievance Procedure.” The graduate bulletin can be found on the graduate school website, at <http://web.yosu.edu/gradschool>.

~~(J) — Student discrimination complaints.~~

~~(1) — Introduction.~~

~~(a) — The purpose of this article is to inform students of their rights to secure equitable and expedient resolutions to student complaints of discrimination. As expressed in the “Equal opportunity discrimination complaint procedures,” (rule 3356-2-01 of the Administrative Code), the university is committed to a campus environment that values all individuals and groups and to nondiscrimination and equal opportunity for all persons without regard to sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, disability, or veteran status. The complaint procedure is intended to provide assistance and guidance for those alleging some form of discrimination.~~

~~(b) — The university is committed to adhering to the state and federal laws, such as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination in employment and other areas, and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in higher education; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Vietnam Era Veterans’ Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; and Chapter 4112. of the Revised Code.~~

~~(2) — Definition. A complaint of discrimination is any claim of an injury, injustice, or wrong based on the person’s sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity~~

~~and/or expression, handicap/disability or veteran status. Discrimination includes acts of sexual violence. However, the procedures to be followed for filing a complaint of sexual violence differ from the procedures for filing a complaint of other types of discrimination.~~

~~(3) Procedure.~~

~~(a) Discrimination complaints.~~

- ~~(i) The office of equal opportunity and policy compliance (“EOPC”) is responsible for equal opportunity compliance. All claims of discrimination should be made to the EOPC office. Complaints of discrimination will follow the procedures outlined in the equal opportunity discrimination complaint procedure available in the EOPC office.~~

~~Students may contact the EOPC office by calling (330) 941-2340 or obtain additional information about report procedures and discrimination and harassment, which is available on the university website. The “University Guidebook” also contains the reporting and investigating procedures for discrimination and harassment. (See rules 3356-2-03 and 3356-2-01 of the Administrative Code.)~~

~~The EOPC office will investigate and make a determination as to whether there is a reasonable basis to believe that discrimination has occurred and make a recommendation. If it is determined that The code has been violated, the EOPC office will notify the student conduct administrator to the student conduct process set forth in paragraph (G) of this policy, “Student conduct procedures.”~~

- ~~(ii) Sexual violence complaints. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. sections 1681 et seq., and the regulations 34 C.F.R., part 106, specifically prohibit discrimination on the~~

~~basis of sex in education programs or activities operated by recipients of federal financial assistance. Complaints of sex discrimination in education programs or complaints of sexual violence should be made to the university's Title IX coordinator, the vice president for student affairs, by calling (330) 941-3532.~~

~~The Title IX coordinator will commence an investigation and determine whether student discipline charges will be filed. If it is determined that The code has been violated, the Title IX coordinator will notify the student conduct administrator to begin the student conduct process set forth in paragraph (G) of this policy, "Student conduct procedures."~~

~~(4) — Sex discrimination.~~

~~(a) — Introduction. The information outlined below is designed to aid in the process of educating members of the university community, serve as a means of preventing sex discrimination, sexual harassment and violence, and to promptly and fairly respond to alleged incidents of sex discrimination.~~

~~(b) — Definition. A complaint of sex discrimination is any claim of an injury, injustice, or wrong based on the person's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression.~~

~~(c) — Scope.~~

~~(i) — Any individual in the university community may lodge a complaint against any other member of the university community.~~

~~(ii) — The jurisdiction of the code encompasses behavior that occurs both on or off university premises, if the conduct~~

~~impairs, obstructs, interferes with or adversely affects the mission, processes, or functions of the university pursuant to the jurisdiction of the code. (See paragraph (C)(1) of this policy.)~~

~~(5) — Sexual harassment.~~

~~(a) — Definition. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination that represents unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual harassment may occur when:~~

~~(i) — Submission to that conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's academic, employment, or other university-related activities.~~

~~(ii) — Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a component for academic, employment, or other university-related activities.~~

~~(iii) — The conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's curricular, co-curricular, or work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational, employment, or on-campus living environment.~~

~~(b) — Examples of inappropriate conduct include, but are not limited to, the following when such acts or behaviors come within one of the above definitions:~~

~~(i) — Either explicitly or implicitly conditioning any term of education, employment, or involvement in university-related activities on the provision of sexual favors.~~

~~(ii) — Touching or grabbing a sexual part of an individual's body.~~

~~(iii) — Continuing to ask an individual to socialize on or off campus when that person has indicated no interest in such activity.~~

- ~~(iv) — Displaying or transmitting sexually suggestive language, pictures, objects, cartoons, or posters.~~
 - ~~(v) — Writing sexually suggestive, harassing or discriminating notes, letters, emails, texts, or using other electronic or online media to communicate sexually suggestive, harassing, or discriminating content.~~
 - ~~(vi) — Referring to or calling a person a sexually oriented name.~~
 - ~~(vii) — Telling sexual jokes or using sexually vulgar or explicit language.~~
 - ~~(viii) — Derogatory or provoking remarks about or relating to an individual's sex or sexual orientation.~~
 - ~~(ix) — Harassing acts or behavior directed against a person on the basis of an individual's sex or sexual orientation.~~
 - ~~(x) — Off-campus conduct which falls within the above definition and affects the individual's on-campus environment.~~
- ~~(6) — Sexual violence.~~
- ~~(a) — Introduction. Youngstown state university is an academic community dedicated to the advancement of learning and development of the individual student. Youngstown state university is committed to creating an environment that is safe and secure, where students have the right to receive an education free from discrimination, including sexual violence. It is a community that values the dignity of the individual. Any activity that may threaten its ideals, especially sexual violence, will not be tolerated.~~
 - ~~(b) — Definition. Sexual violence includes, but is not limited to, rape and/or acquaintance rape, sexual assault, or sexual coercion.~~
- ~~— Coercion is defined as the act of using pressure or force to have sexual contact with someone who has already refused or who is unable or incapable of consenting due to alcohol~~

~~or drug consumption or any other reason. Sexual assault is defined as coercing a person physically, verbally, or by deception into any type of sexual conduct or act with another person, whether the assailant is a friend, acquaintance, or stranger.~~

~~(c) Protocol for handling a report of sexual violence.~~

~~(i) Report to police and/or Title XI coordinator. Any person from the university who receives a report from an individual who experiences sexual violence should encourage the individual to file a report with the university police. The university police will encourage the collection of medical/legal evidence. This is essential should a person decide to pursue criminal prosecution. While the university police are responsible for conducting an investigation, coordinating with appropriate university personnel, and keeping the victim informed, the university has an independent responsibility to investigate and issue discipline, if necessary. The university police will assist the victim with filing any appropriate charges.~~

~~Whether a victim files a report with the university police or not, the university police will advise the victim about the options available for filing student conduct charges. The university police shall notify the Title IX coordinator.~~

~~(ii) If the victim fails to file a report with the university police, the person who initially receives the information shall inform the Title IX coordinator. The student has the right not to file a report with the university police or with the Title IX coordinator. However, the Title IX coordinator has a responsibility to investigate claims of sexual violence and determine whether immediate intervention is required, whether student conduct charges should be brought against the accused~~