



The University will continue to educate the campus with respect to sexual harassment and will continue to provide avenues for redress when issues arise. However, it is the responsibility of all students, faculty, staff and Regents to avoid sexually harassing behaviors.

B. Definitions.

Sexual harassment is a form of gender discrimination which violates state and federal law and University policy. Students and employees can be the victims, or perpetrators, of sexual harassment. Whether actions constitute sexual harassment depends on the facts and circumstances.

C. Reporting Sexually Harassing Behavior.

Murray State University encourages every member of the University community who has been the victim of sexual harassment to report the allegations as soon as possible. Time limitations apply to the reporting of claims and the chance for remedial action may be lost by delay.

The University has formal and informal processes for resolving claims of sexual harassment. Victims of sexual harassment are encouraged to report their allegations even if they do not wish to utilize these processes.

Claims of sexual harassment should be made to the following offices:

1. Claims by employees against other employees, including their supervisors, and claims by students, including student workers against other students, faculty members or other employees should be made with the Title IX Coordinator located in the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) 103 Wells Hall, telephone number 770-809-3155.
2. If the Executive Director of the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) is the person against whom complaint is made, the report should be made to the President of the University.
3. If the complaint is against the President or a member of the Board of Regents, the report should be made to the Chair of the Board of Regents. If the complaint is against the Chair of the Board, the complaint should be made with the Vice Chair of the Board.
4. If there is doubt about which office the allegations should be made to, or if assistance is needed with respect to a complaint, the Title IX Coordinator located in the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) should be contacted for help.

In accordance with law, there will be no retaliation against an individual making a good faith claim of sexual harassment.

D. Sanctions.

Any individual charged with sexual harassment will be accorded due process in compliance with established University procedures. Sanctions for sexual harassment may range from written warning to termination (for an employee) or expulsion (for a student).

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