

# Southwestern Oregon Community College

## BP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment

### **Purpose:**

To establish and define procedures which prohibit any form of harassment under Title IX or related State or Federal law.

### **Statement:**

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), national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, familial status, religion, or genetic information. For the College's policy regarding sex discrimination including sex-based harassment under Title IX, see BP 3433 Prohibition of Sex Discrimination under Title IX and accompanying procedures.

All forms of harassment contrary to basic standards of conduct between individuals. State and federal law, and this policy prohibit harassment, and the College will not tolerate harassment. This policy applies to all members of the College community including Board of Education members, employees, students, volunteers, contractors, and interns.

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 they have been harassed or retaliated against in violation of this policy should immediately report such incidents by following the procedures described in 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 College 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 College President shall establish procedures that define harassment on campus. The College 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:**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S. Code Section 2000e-2 Age

Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (ADEA);

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA); ORS 659A

ORS 350.330; ORS 243.319