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Per ILCS 155/15, all reports or disclosures made to the Title IX Coordinator or responsible

- Of the 3 reports of sexual violence (reports of sexual penetration without consent or sexual contact without consent under Northwestern's Policy on Sexual Misconduct) received in 2017 that went through the University's complaint resolution process, 2 investigations were completed and resolved in 2017. In these matters, 1 respondent was found not responsible and 1 respondent was expelled from the University. Both of these reports came from the Evanston campus. In addition to the reports received in 2017, 4 reports of sexual violence received prior to 2017 were resolved through the complaint resolution process in 2017. In these matters, 1 respondent was excluded from the University and 3 respondents were found not responsible. All of these reports came from the Evanston campus.
- Of the 2 reports of dating/domestic violence received in 2017 that went through the University's complaint resolution process, eceiv (t)s(,)/u9(s)-1 (i201)TJ0 Tw (7)Tj()Tj0.01 T pr0 Td[s)

# Attachment A: Northwestern's Comprehensive Policy on Sexual Misconduct

# COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

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## I. Policy

# A. Policy Statement

Northwestern prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct, including but not limited to, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, dating or domestic violence, and sexual harassment. Northwestern also prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and parental statushder the University's Policy on Discrimination and HarassmentSuch conduct violates orthwestern's values and disrupts the living, learning, and working environment for students, faculty, statified other community members. In furtherance of this policy, the University has adopted the following standards of conduct for all members of our community — students, faculty, n4.2(m [(s)10.6(t)-2.6(a)11f(ar).8(f)-16(s,)2()10as w[(H)6e6(a)11.2(I)-2.2(

Consent may also be withdrawn at any time, provided the person withdrawing consent makes that known in clearly understandable words or actions.

# 2. Prohibited Conduct

Northwestern prohibits all forms of sexual misconduct. Such conduct violates our community values and disrupts the living, learning, and working environment for students, faculty, staff and other community members. Therefore, the University prohibits the actions listed below. An attempt to commit an act identified in this policy, as well as assisting or willfully encouraging any such act, is also consider violation of this policy. An act may violate one or more parts of this policy.

# a. Sexual Assault

- (i) Sexual penetration without or sent Any penetration of the sex organs or anus of another person when consent is not present; any penetration of the mouth of another person with a sex organ when consent is not present; or performing oral sex on another person when consent is not present. This includes penetration or intrusion, however slight, of the sex organs or anus of another person by an object or any placet load.
- (ii) Sexual contact without asent Knowingly touching or fondling a person's genitals, breasts, or buttocks, or knowingly touching a person with one's own genitale asts, when consent is not present.

This includes contact done dirtycor indirectly through clothing, bodily fluids, or with an object. It also includes causing or inducing a person, when consent is not present, to similarly touch or fondle oneself or someone else.

- (iii) Statutory ape Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent under the laws of the statewhich the incident occurreth Illinois, the age of consent is 17 years old. However, if the offender is in a position of authority or trust over the victim, the age of consent is.1
- b. <u>Sexual Exploitation</u>: Taking sexual advantage of another person or violating the sexual privacy of anotherwhen consent is not present.

This includes, but is not limited to, the following times (including when they are done via electronic means, ethods or devices):

x Sexual voyeurism or permitting others to witness or observe the sexual or intimate activity of another person without that person's consent;

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- x Distributing sexual information, images, or recordings about another person without that person's consent;
- x Recruiting, harboring, transptorg, providing, or obtaining another person for the purpose of sexual exploitation;
- x Inducing incapacitation in another person with the intent to engage in sexual conduct, regardless of whether prohibited sexual conduct actually occurs.
- c. <u>Stalking</u>:Knowingly engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that one knows or should know would cause a reasonable person to fear for their safety (or the safety of a third party) or suffer substantial emotional distress.

Conduct that can amound stalking may include two or more actions directed at another person, whether done directly, indirectly, through others, via devices, or via any other methods or means (specifically including electronic means cyberstalkin) including but not limited to:

- x Following a person;
- x Being or remaining in close proximity to a person;
- x Entering or remaining on or near a person's property, residence, or place of employment;
- x Monitoring, observingor conducting surveillance of a person;
- x Threatening (directly) a person;
- x Communicating to or about a person;
- x Giving gifts or objects to, or leaving items for, a person;
- x Interfering with or damaging a person's property (including pets); or
- x Engaging in other unwelcome contact.
- d. <u>Dating/Domestic Volence</u> Dating violence is any violence (including but not limited to emotional, physical, sexual, and financial abuse or threat of abuse) between two people who are or have been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature. The existence of such a relationship will depend (i) 163 (ems) 28(h) 1008(ii) 12 (ex (lapid) 456 (e .6 (lapid) 45

(ii) Such conduct creates a hostile environment. A hostile environment exists when the conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it unreasonably interferes with, limits, or deprives an individual from participating in or benefitting from the University's education or employment programs and/or activities existence of a hostile environment is to be judged both objectively (meaning a reasonable person would find the environmenthostile) and subjectively (meaning the impacted vidual felt the environment was hostile)

Examples of conduct that may constitute xual harassment include:

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The staff identified below are specially trained to work with individuals who report or are accused of sexual misconduct and have knowledgetaon-and offcampus resources, services, and optionsincluding the availability of interim measures, as discussed below Section (F)(4).

#### **Title IX Coordinator**

Contact: Colleen Johnston

Location: Office of Equity, 1800 Sherman, Suite 40, Evanstin

Phone: (847) 4913881

Email: colleen.johnston@northwestern.edu

# **Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students**

Contact: Amanda DaSilva

Location: Office of Equity, 1800 Sherman, Suite 500, Evanton

Phone: (847) 4676571

Email: amanda.dasilva@northwestern.edu

#### To File a Report Electronically

Individuals may use the form at the following link to electronically file a reportational misconduct with the Office of Equity: www.bit.ly/NUReportSexualMisconduct

An immediate autoesponse email with information about resources and options will be sent in response to repts filed electronically.

# **Other University Reporting Options**

#### **EthicsPoint**

Third-party service for reporting complaints, including anonymous complaints, by phone or online

Phone: (866) 2943545

Website: https://www.northwestern.edu/ethics/

Upon receipt of a reportan Office of Equity staff member will contact the personno may have experienced sexual miscond to outreach fronthe Office of Equity staff member will generally include information about: medical and confident to use ling and support resources; options for pursing a complaint and/or reporting the incident to law enforcement; how to request a protective order or countact directive; how to request interim measures from the University; how to preserve evidence; and where to access more information outreach will also includen invitation to meet with corrovide additional information an Office of Equity staffmember.

# (ii) Reporting Incidents to Law Enforcement

An individual who has experienced sexual misconduct has the right to choose whether to file a police reportNorthwestern University encourages individuals to report incidents of sexual misconduct to University Police or local law enforcement. Filing a police report can result in the investigation of whether sexual violence or related crimes occurred and the prosecution of the perpetratorTimely reporting to the police is an important factor in successful investigation and prosecution of crimes, including sexual violence

The Office of Equity provides information on contacting local and campus law enforcement

University Police, in emergency situationss) y suspected abuse and

determines that the violation was serious and/or placed the health or safety of others at risk. Amnesty does not preclude or prevent action by police or other legal authorities. This Amnesty provision may also apply to student groups making a report of sexual misconduct.

# 7. Free Expression and Academic Freedom

Northwestern is firmly committed to free expression and academic freedom.

- x No trespass order issued by NUPD (with respect to campus locations)
- x No-contact directive (with respect to an individual)
- x Loss of privileges
- x Loss of oversightteaching or supervisory responsibility
- x Probation
- x Demotion
- x Loss of pay increase
- x Transfer (employment)

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Resource	<b>Contact Information</b>	Description
Faculty Wellness Program*	Director Richard A. Carroll, PhD (312) 6952323 rcarroll@nm.org <a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/provost/faculty-resources/workife/faculty-wellness.html">http://www.northwestern.edu/provost/faculty-resources/workife/faculty-wellness.html</a>	Provides free consultations for faculty members to identify appropriate resources for personal and professional concerns. Resources may be offered over the phone or faculty members can meet with the Faculty Wellness Program director for further discussion.

Employee Assistance (855) 5471851 (24 hours)

Program <a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/hr/worklife/employeeassistanc@rogram.html">http://www.northwestern.edu/hr/worklife/employeeassistanc@rogram.html</a>

Resource	Contact Information	Description
YWCA- Evanston	1215 Church St, Evanston (847) 8648445 www.ywca.org/evanston	Services include: counseling and support for survivors of dating/domstic violence, legal advocacy, and residential services (emergency shelter)
Life Span Center	70 E. Lake Street, Sui&00, Chicago	

for Legal Services and Advocacy

(312) 4081210 <u>life-span@lifespan.org</u> www.life-span.org #3717 0 T0(n)2(c-1.j E 23 >>j E 08[0, 39.1.6(ww4(k14 39.ki06 5)7)1

Resource	Contact Information	Description
Network for Victim Recovery of DC	6856 Eastern Avenue NW Washington, DC 20012 (202) 7421727 info@nvrdc.org http://nvrdc.org	Services includeree case management a legal services to victims of crime
Kristi House (Miami)	1265 NW 12th Ave Miami, FL 33136 (305) 5476800 http://www.kristihouse.org/	Services include: connecting victims to c coordinators, therapists, prosecutors, medical professionals, law enforcement, and GAL services
Survivors' Pathway (Miami)	1801 Coral Way, Suite 200 Miami, Florida 33145 (786) 2754364 http://survivorspathway.org	Services include: counseling and social services
San Francisco Women Against Rape	3543 18 Street #7 San Francisco, CA 94110 (415) 8612024 (415) 6477273 (24hour hotline) <a href="http://www.sfwar.org/contact.html">http://www.sfwar.org/contact.html</a>	Services include: 24our crisis hotline, counseling and support groups, legal advocacy, medical accompaniment and advocacy, and case management

Trauma Recovery

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# 1. Medical Services Available On or Near the Evanston and Chicago Campuses

# **Northwestern University Health Service<sup>7</sup>**

Evidence collection kit cannot be provided; CARE staff can be contacted to provide support services, if desired. (See Section )II(@r more information on CAIR)

Evanston Campus33 Emerson Street, Evanston

Phone: (847) 491-

# 2. Medical Services Available Near the Miami, Florida Campus

Jackson Memorial Hospital Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center (5.8 miles from campus)

Evidence collection kit availablet no charge

Location: 1611 NW 12 Avenue Institute Annex<sup>st</sup>IFloor, Miami

Phone: (305) 5857273

Website: <a href="http://jacksonhealth.org/servicespetreatment.asp">http://jacksonhealth.org/servicespetreatment.asp</a>

#### D. Educational Training, Awareness, and Prevention Programs

The University offers a variety of training, awareness, and prevention programs to help prevent sexual misconduct within the Northwestern community. The University strives to ensure that such programming is developed be culturally relevantrauma informed; inclusive of diverse communities and identities; sustainable; responsive to community needs; informed by research or assessed for value, effectiveness, and outcome; and considerate of environmental risk tind protec factors as they occur on the individual, relationship, institutional, community, and societal levels. Additionally, the University provides annual training to investigators, and hearing panel members are trained on issues related to sexual misconithwelstigation, and resolution. For information on educational training, awareness, and prevention programs offered each year, see the Appendices to each campus' annualime and safety reportsed at <a href="http://www.northwestern.edu/up/yoursafety/cleryact-safetyreports.html">http://www.northwestern.edu/up/yoursafety/cleryact-safetyreports.html</a>

# III. Sexual Misconduct Complaint Resolution Process

#### A. Introduction and General Procedures

#### Introduction

The procedures below outline the process the University follows when it receives a report alleging a violation of the Policy on Sexual Misconducthe Office of Equity ("the Office") is responsible for handling reports alleging sexual misconduct. In addition, the Office may make findings on other potential policy violations arising out of the same complaint in place of the student conduct administrative hearing process (UHAS) or other University investigation processotherwise would apply. All reports will be handled in a prompt, fair, and impartial manner in accordance with Title IX, the Violence Against Women Atte Illinois Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Actand other relevant laws and regulations, applicable University policies, and this process

The process described below is Northwestern's internal University process to determine whether Northwestern policy was violated and is not a court system. As such, Northwestern's process does not use the same rules of procedure and evidence as those used by courts or law enforcement. A person who has experienced sexual misconduct or any other crime has the right to simultaneously file and pursue a criminal complaint with law enforcement and a complaint with the University if they choose, and to be assisted by the University in notifying law enforcement authorities if they choose, or to decline to notify such authorities. Parties may also have options to file civil actions in court.

Because allegatins of sexual misconduct can sometimes raise challenging new issues, the University reserves discretion to take reasonable actions to address those issues in a manner consistent with the spirit of the applicable policies and these guidelines, while priesgetairness for both parties and maintaining the integrity of the resolution process.

### Participant Roles

- x A **complainant** is the person who has been impacted by an alleged policy violation and has chosen to participate in the complaint resolution processis (Terson is called **reporter** for purposes of other conduct violations handled in the Office of Student Conduct.)
- x A **respondent** is the person who is alleged to have violated University policy.
- x Parties is a term that refers to the complainant and the resent collectively.
- x A witness is a person who has knowledge related to specific aspects of a case.

x An advisor is a support person who may be present to provide support to a complainant or respondent throughout an investigation and/or hearing. An advison on also serve as a witness in the same matter.

# Participation in Process

The University invites complainants and witnesses to participate fully in the complaint resolution process. In order for the University to investigate a complaint and/or enadspondent to fully respond to the allegations, most situations will require the complainant's participation and that their identity be disclosed to the respondent. If a complainant decides not to participate, but wants disciplinary action to be taken, the University will determine whether it is possible to move forward with a case without the participation of the complainant. In some cases, it will not be possible for disciplinary action to be taken without the participation of the complainant.

When individuals report allegations of sexual misconduct to the University and do not consent to the disclosure of their names and/or do not disclose the identity of the alleged offenders or identifiable information about the alleged offenders, the University's tytiti respond to the complaints may be limited. In cases where an individual reporting sexual misconduct requests anonymity or does not wish to proceed with an investigation, the University will attempt to honor that request but, in some cases, the Office of Equity may determine that the University needs to proceed with an investigation. In such cases, the University will not compel an individual to participate. The Office will consider the following factors in reaching a determination on whether to proceed:

# Privacy and Sharing of Information

The University considers complaints and investigations of sexual misconduct to be private matters for the parties involved. For that reason, the University will protect the identity of persons involved in reports of sexual misconduct to the best of its ability. The University will only share personally identifiable information with persons with a need to know, in order for the University to investigate and respond or to deliver resources or support services. The University does not publish the names nor post identifiable information about persons involved in a report of sexual misconduct in the University Police Daily Crime Log (Blotter) or elsewhere online. However, the University cannot promise complete confidentiality or privacy in the handling of sexual misconduct reports or complaintspp((116)26)26)26(12.6(v)1)-4.66(nd)10a.9(or)-invhandetntsvaifdid(19)(152 TD [w [(e)-4.6(a)-1.8.8(r)])

#### Standard of Evidence

The University uses the preponderance of the evidence standard in investigations of complaints alleging sexual misconduct and any related violations. This means that the investigation determines whether it is more likely than not that a violation of the policy occurred.

# Advisor/Legal Counsel

An advisor is a support person who is present to provide support to a complainant or respondent throughout an investigation and/or sanctioning process. Complainants and respondents may be accompared by one advisor throughout the investigation and any sanctioning process, provided that the involvement of the advisor does not result in an undue delay of the process. It is the responsibility of each party to coordinate scheduling with their advisorafiy meetings. An advisor may not speak, write, or otherwise communicate with an investigator, conduct administrator, Sanctioning Panel member or appeal reviewer on behalf of the complainant or respondent. Advisors may not engage in behavior or advocadynat harasses, abuses, or intimidates either party, a witness, or individuals involved in resolving the complaint. Advisors who do not abide by these guidelines may be excluded from the process.

In any matter involving a complaint of sexual assault, istallor dating or domestic violence, the advisor may be any person of the party's choosing, including an attorney. However, an advisor may not also serve as a witness in the same matter. Further, the advisor is still limited to the supportive and non-participatory role described above. A representative from the University's Office of General Counsel may attend any proceeding where an attorney serving as an advisor is present. In matters not involving a complaint of sexual assault, stalking, or dating orestim violence, advisors cannot be a witness or party in the matter or a related matter, a family member of the complainant or respondent, or an attorney. A union representative may serve as an advisor, where applicable.

## **B.** Initial Inquiry

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# x An advisory letter

# **D.** Formal Resolution

Notification to Respondent

The sexual misconduct complaint resolution process operates under a standard saffoaiall parties involved.fla case is referred for formal resolution, the Office of Equity

1) Resolution of cases involving faculty, staff, or third party respondents and cases involving student respondents that do not have the potential to result in separation from the University

The Office of Equity will determine whether the Policy on Sexual Misconduct has interested.

The complainant and the respondent will both be notified simultaneously in writing of the outcome of the investigation.

Notification to the complainant will include findings related to violations of policy, remedies offered or provided to the emplainant, sanctions imposed on the respondent that directly relate to the complainant, and any other steps the University has taken to prevent the recurrence and eliminate a hostile environment, if such was found to exist.

In a case related to alleged sexual assault, stalking, or dating or domestic violence, the notification of outcome will also include the rationale for the findings related to violations of policy and all sanctions imposed on the respondent, not just those directly related to theatonampl The respondent

#### a. Preliminary Investigative Report:

After each party has had the opportunity to meet with investigators, identify witness essuggest questions, and the investigators have completed witness interviews and the gathering of evidence, the investigators will prepare a preliminary report. The preliminary report will include the information provided by the complainant, the respondend each witness, and either a copy or written summary of all relevant evidence collected during the investigation. The preliminary report will not contain any findings.

The parties will be provided with an opportunity to review the preliminary report and respond. The parties may each submit comments, feedback, additional evidence, requests for additional steps in theinvestigation, names of additional witnesses, or any other information they deem relevant to the investigators, up to twenty (20) pages, within f(se) calendar days after it is made available for review. The Title IX Coordinator or designee may, in their discretion, waive or adjust the page or time limit for the feedback.

In the event new, relevant information is provided or identified by one of the parties, the information will be incorporated into the preliminary report and the parties will be provided a second and final opportunity to review and provide feedback regarding the new information before the investigators proceed with finalizing theoret.

# b. Final Investigative Report

After receiving any comments or after the comment period has lapsed without comment, the investigators will make a determination of whether the preponderance of the evidence shows the respondent has violated the Policy on Sexual Misconduct or other identified policies. The complainant and the respondent will both be notified simultaneously in writing of the outcome of the investigation. In the event a policy violation is found, the investigators will refer the matter to the Office of StudenConduct for sanctioning by LaHAS Sanctioning and

#### c. Sanctioning in Matters Where a Policy Violation has been Found

In matters where a respondent has been found responsible for violating policy, the University will initiate a sanctioning process designed to eliminate the conduct, prevent its recurrence, remedy its effects, and educate the respondent.

The Office of Student Conduct will facilitate the sanctioning process by convening a UHAS Sanctioning Panel. The panel will be made tuth the faculty or staff members who have been trained to resolve cases related to sexual misconduct.

#### d. Format of Sanctioning Panel

A Sanctioning Panel will include the members of the panel, a Panel Coordinator from the Office of Student Conduct, and theeputy Title IX Coordinator for Students, or designee. The role of the Panel Coordinator is to ensure that the Panel follows the process set forth in this document, clarify any questions about the policies and procedures, and consult on any availablesandtipast precedent. Similarly, the Deputy Title IX Coordinator is present to observe the process and ensure compliance with the process.

Each party will receive an opportunity to independently speak to the panel to provide input toward sanctioning. The purpose of this time is to allow parties to explain what sanction(s) they believe the panel should assign and the rationales for their proposals. The parties will each be g3(ie)14.2(s)19e r wo

The parties will not meet with the panegether but may chooseltsten to one another from a space provided by the Office of Student Conduct. The complainmentespondent's decision whether to participate in the Sanctioning Panel and/or listen to the otheispaontypletely voluntary.

In determining the appropriate sanctions, the parilectonsider:

- x The nature of the conduct at issue:
- x The impact of the conduct on the complainant;
- x The impact of the conduct on the community or the University;
- x Prior misconduct by the respondent, including the spondent's relevant prior discipline history;
- x Whether the respondent has accepted responsibility for the conduct, which may be considered as a factor that may lessen, not increase, the severity of the sanctions;
- x The necessity of any specific action in order to eliminate the conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects on the complainant or other University community members; and
- x Any other mitigating, aggravating, or compelling circumstances, including those presented

In the event sanctions were imposed, it shall be in the discretion of the Title IX Coordinator and the sanctioning office whether the sanctions shall be implemented or stayed pendintigores6tan appeal.

Appeals will be handled by the following reviewers, who may delegate the review of an appeal to a designee, and will delegate review in any case in which they cannot serve as an impartial reviewer.

# An appeal of a complaint against a student should be addressed to:

Lucas Christain
Assistant Dean/Director of Student Conduct
Scott Hall
601 University Place
Evanston, IL 60208
lucas.christain@northwestern.edu

# An appeal of a complaint against a faculty member should be addressed to:

Lindsay Chase ansdale
Vice Provost for Academics and
Associate Provost for Faculty
Rebecca Crown Center
633 Clark Street
Evanston, IL 60208
(847) 4676906
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- x New information discovered after the investigation that could not have reasonably been available at the time of the investigation and is of a nature that could materially change the outcome
- x Procedural gors within the investigation process that may have substantially affected the fairness of the process
- x A finding that was manifestly contrary to the weight of the information presented during the case (i.e., obviously unreasonable and unsupported by the weight of information)

The appeal is not a rehearing of the case; it is a written statement specifically stating the grounds for the appeal and any supporting information. In cases involving multiple parties, tappearing party will be able to rejew the request for appeal and will be given an opportunity to submit a written response to the Appellate Partelscribed further below, within the same time designated for the request for appeal. The appealing party will be able to review the response.

Similar to the original investigation, the papeal and response the appeal may not include any character or expert witness statements. The appeal is solely conducted via written statements. Neither the respondent nor the complainant will be allowed to request parsion meeting with the Appellate Panel. In an extraordinary circumstance, the Appellate Panel may request ration meeting with the complainant and respondent. Should the Appellate Panel request a meeting with one party, a meeting will also be requested with the  $.\overline{o}(9 - c/P << 36.3(4.6(t)-.016(he)-17.6(y)) 12.9 -0.007(b)$ 

## Appelate Panel

The Appellate Panel will be appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, and will be trained annually by the Office of Student Conduct. The Appellate Panel will be made up of seniorlevel administrators and academic leaders who represent the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of the Provost. Three members of the Appellate Panel must be involved in each appeal decision, and decisions are made by a majority vote. In times of exigent circumstances, a conduct administrato or hearing panel member who has had no previous involvement in the case can be assigned by the OSC to fill in for a member of the Appellate Panel to ensure expediency of the decision. The OSC Panel Coordinator or designee will be privy to all Appellate elscussions to ensure compliance with the UHAS procedures

IV. Appendix A: Summary of Information on Reporting Sexual Misconduct and Receiving Support (including confidential support) and Resources at the NU-Q Campus

**Options and Resources** 

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#### Private Hospitals with physical and mental health resources available

Al Ahli Hospital +974 4489 8888 +9744489 8817

DohaClinic Hospital +974 4438 4333 American Hospital +974 4442 1999 Al EmadiHospital +974 4446 6009

Qatar Foundation for +974 4409 0999 Hotline:108

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# Attachment B:

You Have Options. Northwestern Can Help: Resource Guide on Sexual Misconduct and Title IX

You have options.

Northwestern can help.

Resource Guide on Sexual Misconduct and Title IX 2018–19

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Northwestern University does not discriminate or permit discrimination by any member of its community against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, parental status, marital status, age, disability, citizenship status, veteran status, genetic information, or any other classification protected by law in matters of admissions, employment, housing, or services or in the educational programs or activities it operates. Further prohibited by law is discrimination against any employee and/or job applicant who chooses to inquire about, discuss, or disclose their own compensation or the compensation of another employee or applicant. Harassment, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is based on any of these charae teristics is a form of discrimination.

Northwestern University complies with federal and state laws that prohibit discrimination based on the protected categories listed above, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex (including sexual misconduct) in the University's educational programs and activities. In addition, Northwestern provides reasonable accommodations to qualified applicants, students, and employees with disabilities and to individuals who are pregnant.

Any alleged violations of this policy or questions with respect to nondiscrimination or reasonable accommodations should be directed to Northwestern's Director of Equal Opportunity and Access and Section 504 Coordinator, 1800 Sherman Avenue, Suite 4-500, Evanston, Illinois 60208, 847-467-6165, eeo@northwestern.edu.

Any alleged violations of this policy or questions with respect to sexual misconduct or sexual harassment should be directed to Northwestern's Title IX Coordinator, 1800 Sherman Avenue, Suite 4-500, Evanston, Illinois 60208, 847-467-6165. TitleIXCoordinator@northwestern.edu.

A person may also file a complaint with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights regarding an alleged violation of Title IX by visiting www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html or calling 800-421-3481.

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### Northwestern can help you

- Connect with on-campus and off-campus resources—including medical, counseling, immigration, student nancial aid, and legal resources.
- File a police report or a complaint with the University or both.
- Request measures such as no-contact directives from the University, protective orders from a court, or housing, academic, working, or transportation accommodations.

### Interim measures and support services

Interim measures are individualized services offered to parties involved in incidents of sexual misconduct. Interim measures may include:

- · academic assistance
- housing or workspace relocation
- dining arrangements
- · time off from class or work

- student nancial aid arrangements
- · transportation arrangements
- · no-contact directives
- safety planning

Contact the Title IX Coordinator or Deputy Title IX Coordinator for Students to request interim measures (see page 12). Such measures will be kept con dential to the extent possible.

### For community members abroad

Northwestern can work with you to help create a safe environment and prioritize healing. Students, faculty, and staff participating in University-sponsored international activities who experience sexual misconduct abroad can receive information about support and services from the Of ce of Global Safety and Security and from Deputy Title IX Coordinator Julie Friend (see page 12). For additional information, see www.northwestern.edu/global-safety-security/emergencies-abroad/sexual-misconduct.

Referrals for medical care may be obtained through Northwestern's international medical assistance provider, GeoBlue (610-254-8771); at the nearest United States embassy or consulate (www.usembassy.gov); or by calling American Citizens Services (202-501-4444).

### About reporting

You may choose whether to report sexual misconduct to Northwestern, law enforcement, both, or neither.

Campus sexual misconduct investigations can occur at the same time as police investigations.

Northwestern can help you le a police report.

Reporting to police does not obligate you to testify in court.

To encourage reporting, an individual who makes a good-faith report of sexual mis - conduct that was directed at them or another person will not be subject to disciplinary action by the University for a conduct or policy violation that is related to and revealed in the sexual misconduct report or investigation, unless the University determines that the violation was serious and/or placed the health or safety of others at risk.

There is no time limit for reporting an incident. Reports should be made as soon as possible, as the passing of time makes a review of the evidence more dif cult and the memories of involved parties may become less reliable.

### Reporting options

You may report an incident to Northwestern and request interim measures and/or a University investigation by contacting a Title IX Coordinator. See page 12 for contact information.

You may also report sexual misconduct electronically:

Sexual Misconduct Reporting Form bit.ly/NUReportSexualMisconduct

You may also le an anonymous report:

EthicsPoint 866-294-3545

www.northwestern.edu/ethics

While anonymous reports are accepted and will be reviewed, Northwestern's ability to address alleged sexual misconduct reported by anonymous sources is signi cantly limited.

You may report an incident to law enforcement and request a police investigation. See page 13 for Northwestern, Evanston, and Chicago police contact information.

### Reporting obligation

All University employees (including student employees), as well as nonemployees with teaching or supervisory authority, are obligated to promptly report to the Title IX Coordinator sexual misconduct of which they become aware in the scope of their work for the University, unless they are a resource not obligated to report as identi ed in the Policy on Sexual Misconduct. Employees are encouraged to ful II their reporting obligations by completing the Sexual Misconduct Reporting Form available at bit.ly/NUReportSexualMisconduct.

### **Privacy**

Northwestern handles sexual misconduct reports discreetly, with information shared only with those who need to know in order to investigate and resolve the matter.

Parties in investigations of sexual misconduct are asked to keep the information related to the investigation private, to the extent consistent with applicable law. Witnesses and advisors will be asked to maintain complete con dentiality as to the investigation, to the extent consistent with applicable law.

# What if a person does not want Northwestern to investigate or wants to remain anonymous?

In cases where an individual reporting sexual misconduct requests anonymity or does not wish to proceed with an investigation, the University will attempt to honor that request, but, in some cases, the Of ce of Equity may determine that the University needs to proceed with an investigation based on concern for the safety or well-being of the broader University community. A list of factors that the Of ce of Equity will consider in making this determination is available in the Policy on Sexual Misconduct. Northwestern reserves the right to take appropriate action in such circumstances, including in cases when the individual reporting the misconduct chooses not to proceed; however, the University will not compel an individual to participate.

If you are unsure about whether you want to make a report or proceed with an investi -

### Complain t investigation a nd resolut ion

Northwestern investigates complaints by meeting with the complainant, respondent, and witnesses and reviewing relevant evidence. The University uses the preponderance of the evidence standard, which means that if the evidence shows that it is more likely than not that sexual misconduct occurred, the respondent will be found responsible.

Investigations are usually conducted by staff of the Of ce of Equity, who are trained in handling sexual misconduct matters. See pages 8–9 for a owchart of the sexual misconduct complaint resolution process.

Violations of the Policy on Sexual Misconduct may result in sanctions and corrective actions. These actions may include required training or counseling, warning, probation, suspension, expulsion, demotion, termination, or revocation of tenure.

Services or other measures to help remedy the effects of sexual misconduct and prevent recurrence may also be provided.

The irrelevant prior sexual history of the parties will not be considered as evidence in the investigation.

### Advisor/legal counsel

An advisor is a person who is present to provide support to a complainant or respondent throughout an investigation and any sanctioning process. Complainants and respon -

### **Timeline**

Though the University strives to resolve all cases in a prompt and timely manner, the timeline varies based on the circumstances of the case. Additionally, the timeline for a case may be affected by breaks in the academic calendar, availability of the parties and witnesses (including due to leave of absence), scope of the investigation, need for interim actions, and unforeseen or exigent circumstances. The parties will be periodically updated on the status of their case. In <</Lang (en-)hrties 4( )3 (t)3 (<)3 ()p8npID 335 f06t9.13 ( (e)3

# Overview of the sexual misconduct complaint resolution process

The Of ce of Equity receives a report of sexual misconduct.

An Of ce of Equity staff member contacts the person who may have experienced sexual misconduct to provide information about resources and options and extend an invitation to meet.

The person decides whether or not to meet with the staff member.

The person chooses to meet. The staff member goes over resources and options. The person may request interim measures and support services and may elect to proceed with an investigation.

The person chooses not to meet or requests not to proceed with an investigation. The University typically can honor that request.

The complainant chooses to proceed with an investigation. One or more investigators from the Of ce of Equity meet with the complainant to gather information about the concern. The complainant can suggest witnesses and provide evidence.

An Of ce of Equity staff member contacts the person who is alleged to have committed sexual misconduct (respondent) to notify them of the complaint, the resolution process, and the resources available to them.

One or more investigators meet with the respondent to get information. The respondent can suggest witnesses and provide evidence.

One or more investigators collect information from the complainant, respondent, and relevant witnesses and review <u>all evidence collected.</u>

If the respondent is a student and the matter has the potential to result in separation from the University, the complainant and respondent each have the opportunity to review a preliminary investigative report and provide additional information.

The investigators complete the investigation and send the com-plainant and the respondent a nal investigative report containing information collected, ndings of fact, and a nding of whether there has been a policy violation.

When a policy violation is found, the Of ce of Equity will refer the matter to the Of ce of Student Conduct and a sanctioning panel will be convened. The complainant and respondent meet with the panel separately but are given the opportunity to listen to one another. The Of ce of Student Conduct informs the complainant and respondent of the sanction in writing.

If the respondent is a student and the matter does not have the potential to result in separation from the University or if the respondent is a faculty member, staff member, or third party, the parties are provided a written summary of the infor mation collected and a nding of whether there has been a policy violation.

When a policy violation is found and the respondent is a student, the Of ce of Equity will determine any sanctions or corrective actions.

When a policy violation is found and the respondent is a staff member, the ndings will be forwarded to the Of ce of Human Resources and the respondent's manager. Any sanctions or corrective actions will be decided in accordance with the Staff Handbook.

When a policy violation is found and the respondent is a faculty member, the ndings will be forwarded to the faculty member's dean, deparesources and

# How to help someone who tells you about an incident of sexual misconduct

Individuals who have experienced sexual misconduct often respond in a variety of ways, including anger, sadness, confusion, or withdrawal.

Listen: Give the survivor your complete attention. Try not to interrupt or discuss your

#### Con dential resources

Con dential resources are privileged to keep communications con dential, except in very limited situations (e.g., minors, imminent danger).

Center for Awareness, Response, and Education (CARE) (provides support, advocacy, and education to students) 847-491-2054

www.northwestern.edu/care

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) (provides counseling services to students) 847-491-2151 (24 hours) www.northwestern.edu/counseling

Of ce of Religious and Spiritual Life (provides spiritual counseling and advice to members of the University community) 847-491-7256 www.northwestern.edu/religious-life

Employee Assistance Program (provides crisis intervention and short-term counseling to faculty and staff as well as their household family members) 855-547-1851 www.northwestern.edu/hr/work-life/employee-assistance-program.html

Faculty Wellness Program

(provides free consultations for faculty members to identify appropriate resources for personal and professional concerns)

312-695-2323

www.northwestern.edu/provost/faculty-resources/work-life/faculty-wellness.html

## Title IX Coordinator and Deputy Title IX Coordinators (to report concerns to Northwestern)

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Fostering a culture of access, belonging, and accountability.

# Attachment C:

Campus raining nformation

#### Campus Training, Education and Awareness

The University offers a variety of training, awareness, and prevention programs to help prevent sexual misconduct within the Northwestern community. The University strives to ensure that such programming is developed to be culturally relevant; traumamiethrinclusive of diverse communities and identities; sustainable; responsive to community needs; informed by research or assessed for value, effectiveness, and outcome; and considerate of environmental risk and protective factors as they occur on the vindual, relationship, institutional, community, and societal levels.

The University provides new faculty, staff, graduate students, and professional students with valuable education and resources through an online course, Preventing Sexual Misconduct and Sex Discrimination. The interactive webased course educates participants about sexual misconduct, the associated laws and University policies, and available resources at Northwestern. Topics such as sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, dating and domestic violence, and stalking are covered. All incoming undergraduate students are required to complete Haven, an online sexual assault prevention program, prior to arriving at Northwestern.

Northwestern's Office of Equity and Center for Awareness, Response, and Education (CARE) both provide training for staff, faculty, and student leaders about responding to incidents of sexual violence, bystander intervention, and other topics on both the Evanston and Chicago campuses. Additionally, in affiliation with CARE, two peer educator groups, Sexual Health and Assault Peer Educators (SHAPE) and Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault (MARS) provide numerous trainings throughout the year to student groups, including fraternities arities or Information on the trainings offered during the 2017 calendar year appears below.

Trainings provided or organized by the Office of Equity (formerly the Sexual Harassment Prevention Office) – 2017 Calendar Year

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Harassment and Discrimination Prevention	Training for new employees on discrimination, harassment, and sexual misconduct.	08/23/17	New staff members	48
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting, including Harassment and Discrimination Prevention	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campus based resources This training also included information on discrimination and harassment.	08/30/17	Online faculty of The Family Institute	11
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources	08/30/17	NUPD Supervisors	14
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Trainingon types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources	08/31/17	Project Wildcat leaders and steering committee members	40
Sexual Misconduct Reporting Responsibilities	Training on reporting obligations.	08/31/17	Project Wildcat Steering Committee	5
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources	09/06/17	CATalyst leaders	2
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources	09/07/17	Resident Assistants	100
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and	Small group scenarion work about	09/07/17	Resident Assistants	85

Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting  Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources  Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources	09/20/17	Graduate students with teaching responsibilities  Searle Center Staff	14
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting, including Harassment and Discrimination Prevention	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources This	10/04/17	Graduate students	50
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources	10/04/17	Weinberg Graduate Progran Assistants	18 า
Q&A on Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Informal question and answer session on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources.	10/11/17	Northwestern Postdoctoral Forum	15
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Mandated Reporting	Trainingon types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and campusbased resources	10/19/17	Directors of Graduate Study	60
Sexual Misconduct Prevention and	Training on types of sexual misconduct, reporting obligations, and	10/25/17	Academic Advisors and support staff	12

Mandated	campusbased			
Reporting	resources			
Harassment and	Training for new	10/31/17	New staff	53
Discrimination	employees on		members	
Prevention	discrimination,			
	harassment, and			
	sexual misconduct.			
Shaping Student	Overview of Title	11/01/17	First year students	500
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	campuses.			

Trainings provided or organized by CARE (Center for Awareness, Response and Education), SHAPE (Sexual Health and Assault Peer Educators) and MARS (Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault) – 2Td ( )Tj ETT\* [(S)-8 e–

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Open Step Up Step up is a
Workshop bystander
intervention training
program that aims to
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the systemic
connections between
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masculinity and
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violence.

MARS 201 @ Phi Delta Theta

The MARS 02/08/17

presentation includes basic information such as the

definitions of sexual

violence and

consent, a discussion on consent, as well as information on bystander

bystander intervention.

	traditional masculinity and genderbased violence.			
Program with Alpha Phi Alpha	A Support Starts Here Presentation. Support Starts Here gives participants the skills to effectively support a survivor of sexual violence, relationship violence, or stalking		Undergraduate Students	12
Open Step Up (Sexual Assault Awareness Month)	Step up is a bystander intervention training program that aims to create a more engaged Northwestern community by providing students, faculty, and staff with the basic tools to safely and effectively intervene in situations where someone might be in danger.		Undergraduate Students	0
Support Starts Here	Support Starts Here gives participants the skills to effectively support a survivor of sexual violence, relationship violence, or stalking	e	Staff	5

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	staff hosted sessions	6		
	on a variety of topics	;		
	each week.			
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	support first year students.			
RA Training	Training for Resident Assistants covering basic information about CARE's resources, the dynamics of relationship violence, and stalking, how to support a student, and how to make a referral to CARE.	09/07/17	Resident Assistants	110

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UHAS Panel	Training for UHAS	10/26/17	Staff and Faculty	20
Training	Panel Members.	10/20/17	Stan and raddity	20
Shaping Student	Follow up	11/01/17	New Students	500
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	genderbased violence.			
Hooking Up 101	A presentation by SHAPE.	11/08/17	Elder Residential Students	10
Supporting Survivors	A presentation by SHAPE.	11/08/17	Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity Members	35

Transforming Rape Culture with Mariame Kaba

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