# Title IX and Clery Compliance Advisor Training



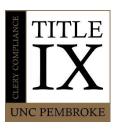
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# 2020 Title IX Regulations Sexual Harassment

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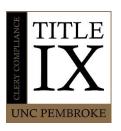
# Title IX & VAWA Investigatory Issues



Sexual Harassment



Sexual Assault & Other Forms of Sexual Violence



# Actual Knowledge

"it is a recipient's own misconduct – not the sexually harassing behavior of employees, students, or other third parties – that subjects the recipient to liability in a private lawsuit under Title IX, and the recipient cannot commit its own misconduct unless the recipient first knows of the sexual harassment that needs to be addressed." RF, pg. 47





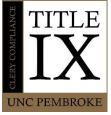
Notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the Title IX Coordinator or any UNCP official who has authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of UNCP is notice that will trigger the university to take action in compliance with the Office for Civil Rights.

## Jurisdiction

❖ The locations, events, or circumstances of UNCP's education programs and activities, which UNCP exercises substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs



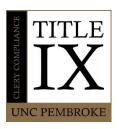
❖Includes any building owned or controlled by a student organization that is officially recognized by UNCP.



# Other forms of Sexual Harassment Sex-Based but not Title IX

- Bullying
- Coercion
- Discrimination
- Harassment ~ Sexual
- Harassment ~ Hostile Environment

- Harassment ~ Quid Pro Quo
- Harassment ~ Retaliation
- Hazing
- Intimidation
- Sexual Exploitation



# Complaint Resolution Process

For faculty, staff, and student cases

- Title IX Cases: <u>Formal Grievance Process</u>
- All other sex based harassment and discrimination Cases: <u>Inclusive Complaint Process</u>



## Major Gatekeeping Guideposts

NOTICE

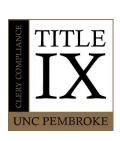
Initial
Assessment

Notice of Investigation & Allegation Comprehensive Investigation

Hearing and Determination

Sanction(s) A<sub>1</sub>

Appeal(s)



#### Hearing Boards and Appeal Boards

Faculty Hearing Committee Clear and Convincing Evidence

§603 *The Code* Discharge and Serious Sanctions

Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs & Provost Office of Administrative Hearings

HR: Employee Relations & Respondent's Supervisor

Chancellor's Designee Vice Chancellor Student Affairs

Campus Appeals Board

Sexual Harassment Hearing Board Preponderance of the Evidence

Faculty and Staff Cases

Hearing Facilitator

Hearing Board Chair Sexual Harassment Hearing Board Preponderance of the Evidence

Student Cases (Conduct Hearing Board)

Hearing Facilitator Dr. Meg Dutnell



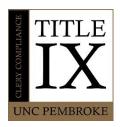
Cross-Examination of Parties by Advisors

# Hearing





Advisor Attorney/Non-Attorney Advocate Support Person



Hearing Panel Chair: decides all relevancy issues in real time

# Standard of Proof Preponderance of the Evidence and Clear and Convincing

Evidence which shows that the fact to be proven is more probable than not (50.1%)



Evidence presented must be highly and substantially more probable to be true than not

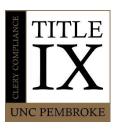
# Important Definitions...



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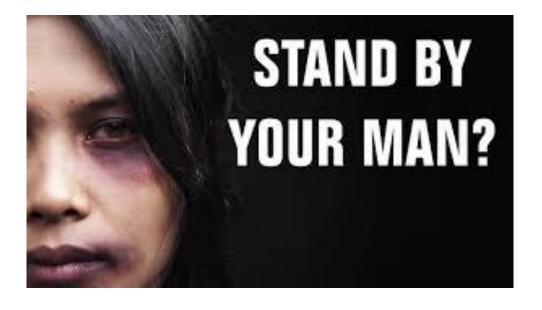
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### **VAWA Crimes**

- 1. Dating Violence
- 2. Domestic Violence
- 3. Stalking
- 4. Sexual Assault



These are considered reportable crimes, *even if* the victim does not consider themselves to be a victim.





#### Sexual Assault

sexual contact on the body of another person without his or her CONSENT

penetration without that persons consent

threatened, coerced, or forced to engage

against his or her Will

while temporarily or permanently incapacitated

stranger or by a person known by the victim

married or in a dating relationship



#### **Consent**

demonstrated by clear actions, words, or writings

Freely and voluntarily given

Offered and accepted by all parties

mutually understood by all parties involved

mentally or physically incapacitated or impaired

not understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual situation

Silence does not constitute consent Consent is active, not passive

past consent does not imply future consent

Consent to some form of sexual activity is not consent to any other form of sexual activity

Consent can be Withdrawn at any time



## Domestic Violence (to include Dating Violence)

#### A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by:

- ❖ A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim,
- ❖ By a person with whom the victim shares a child in common,
- ❖ By a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner,
- ❖ By a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred,
- ❖ By a person who is or has been in a dating relationship of a romantic nature with the victim
- ❖ By any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's act under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
- Dating Violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse.



## Stalking

Engaging in a *course of conduct* directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to

- 1. Fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or
- 2. Suffer substantial emotional distress

#### For Clery purposes:

A "course of conduct" means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts which the stalker directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property.



# Stalking...

- Does not have to be sex/gender related
- Most people, especially students, do not recognize stalking behaviors and may not realize they are within a "course of conduct."





# Retaliation



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# Title IX and Clery Reporting

In case of emergency, call X-6235 or 911



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Campus Law Enforcement 910.521.6235

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# Questions?



# Thank You