

## RVC Board Policy 2:10.035 Prohibiting Sex-Based Misconduct

### I. Policy Statement

Rock Valley College is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy educational and employment environment that is free from discrimination, harassment and other misconduct on the basis of sex, which includes sexual orientation, gender-related identity and expression, pregnancy, and other protected characteristics related to sex under federal, state, or local law. The College prohibits all forms of sex-based misconduct, including, but not limited to, sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The College also prohibits discrimination and harassment on the basis of protected characteristics under its Non-Discrimination-Students Policy and Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

It is the policy of the College to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act ("VA WA"), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 ("Title VII"), the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act ("Clery Act"), the Preventing Sexual Violence in Higher Education Act, and all other applicable laws and local ordinances regarding unlawful sex-based discrimination, harassment or other misconduct.

Employees or students found to have engaged in prohibited misconduct will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination and/or expulsion from the College. Contractors, visitors, and any other third parties found to have engaged in prohibited misconduct will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the College in the context of the relationship of the third-party to the College.

### II. Title IX Compliance

As required under Title IX and its implementing regulations, the College does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in the education programs and activities that it operates. This requirement not to discriminate extends to admission and employment.

The College has designated the Dean of Students and Executive Director of Human Resources as the Title IX Coordinator(s), who are responsible for coordinating the College's efforts to comply with its responsibilities under Title IX. Inquiries about the application of Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106 may be directed to the College's Title IX Coordinator(s), the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the United States Department of Education, or both.

### III. Retaliation Prohibited

Retaliation, including intimidation, threats, coercion, adverse educational or employment actions, or discrimination against any person because they have, in good faith, reported or disclosed alleged discrimination, filed a complaint, or

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otherwise participated or declined to participate in an investigation into allegations of discrimination, is strictly prohibited.

## IV. Implementing Procedures

The College will establish, maintain and publish procedures implementing this Policy, which set forth:

- The application and scope of the College's prohibition on sex-based misconduct;
- Definitions of prohibited conduct and a definition of consent;
- Responsibilities of and contact information for the College's Title IX Coordinator(s) and Department of Human Resources;
- Rights and options for assistance by the College, law enforcement, a medical facility, or a crisis center following an incident of sex-based misconduct;
- Procedures for reporting and confidentially disclosing alleged sex-based misconduct, including a mechanism for reporting and independent review of allegations against an elected official by;
- Responsibilities of College employees with regard to reporting, forwarding, and/or keeping confidential allegations of discrimination, as applicable;
- The College's response to reports of alleged sex-based misconduct;
- The College's grievance process for complaints alleging Title IX sexual harassment and/or alleging sexual violence, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking;
- Potential sanctions that may be imposed following the implementation of the College's grievance procedures and limits on those sanctions;
- Prevention and education programming provided to College students; and
- Training and education provided to the Title IX Coordinator(s), Department of Human Resources, campus law enforcement, Responsible Employees and anyone else involved in the receipt of reports of, responding to, investigating or adjudicating alleged incidents of sexual discrimination, harassment or other sex-based misconduct, or involved in the referral or provision of services to survivors.

**Reference:** Board Report(s) 6924, 7318, 7325, 7493, 7770

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