

VIII:02:00 SEX DISCRIMINATION, SEXUAL HARASSMENT OR SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

I. General Policy

It is the intent of Volunteer State Community College that the institution shall fully comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, §485(f) of the HEA, as amended by §304 of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, the regulations implementing these Acts found at 34 CFR §668.41, §668.46, and Appendix A to Subpart D of Part 668; and Sections 799A and 845 of the Public Health Service Act and Regulations issued pursuant thereto found at 45 CFR Parts 83 and 86. The policies in this area are adopted to address such compliance.

II. Definitions

For purposes of this policy area the following definitions shall apply:

- A. **Sex Discrimination** is treating someone less favorably because of that person's sex, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.
- B. **Sexual Harassment** is conduct based on a person's sex, sexual orientation or gender identity/expression that:
 - 1. Adversely affects a term or condition of an individual's employment, education, or participation in an institution's activities or living environment;
 - 2. Has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's employment or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, offensive or abusive environment of the individual; or
 - 3. Is used as a basis for or a factor in decisions that tangibly affect that individual's employment, education, participation in an institution's activities or living environment.
- C. **Sexual Misconduct** for purposes of this policy area includes dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, as they are defined in TBR Policy 6:02:00:00.

III. Applicable Policies and Procedures

Complaints of sex discrimination or sexual harassment by or against students, faculty or staff shall be governed by Volunteer State Community College Policy VIII:03:00, TBR Policy 6:02:00:00 and TBR Guideline P-080. Complaints of sexual misconduct shall be governed by Volunteer State Community College Policy VIII:03:00 and TBR Policy 6:03:00:00.

TBR Source: 6:02:00:00 - TBR Meetings, October 17, 1975; September 30, 1983; December 14, 1984; March 28, 2008; June 19, 2009 to take effect on July 1, 2009. TBR Board Meeting, September 26, 2014 policy renumbered from former policy 2:02:10:01 and revised

6:03:00:00 – TBR Meeting, September 26, 2014

P-080 - Presidents Meeting: November 14, 1984 and November 16, 1984 AVTS Sub-Council meeting; August 16, 1988; February 14, 1989; November 10, 1992; August 13, 1996; February 13, 2001; August 16, 2005; November 8, 2005; February 13, 2008; February 14, 2012: Changes in Title VI procedures became effective October 1, 2013 (Ratified at President's Meeting, Nov. 5, 2013); Revision approved at November 11, 2014 President's Meeting.

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