A.T. STILL UNIVERSITY ATSU

### REPORTER'S RIGHTS AND OPTIONS Adelante Healthcare Distance Site Phoenix, Arizona

The following information provides a summary of your rights and options after filing a report of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking at A.T. Still University ("ATSU" or "the University"). Please contact the Title IX Coordinator, or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator, if you have any questions about this information.

#### I. General Information

- Options. Once you have made a report, you have several options, including, but not limited to:
  - Contacting parents or a relative
  - Seeking legal advice
  - Seeking personal counseling
  - Pursuing legal action against the perpetrator
  - Pursuing disciplinary action
  - Requesting no further action be taken
  - Requesting further information about the investigation and resolution process
- Notifying Authorities. If requested, the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator will assist you in contacting local law enforcement regarding the incident. You may decline to notify such authorities.
- Restraining Orders. If you have obtained or obtain a temporary restraining order or other no contact order against the alleged perpetrator from a criminal, civil, or tribal court, you may provide such information to the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator. If provided, the ATSU will take all reasonable and legal action to implement the order.
- Requesting Changes to Your Current Situation or Other Protective Measures. Please inform the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator if you wish to change your academic, living, transportation, or working situation, if you want information about taking a leave of absence and related financial aid information, or if you want any other specific protective measure to be implemented. The University will make such accommodations or provide such protective measures if so requested and if they are reasonably available, regardless of whether you choose to report the incident to local law enforcement.
- Preservation of Evidence. It is extremely important that you preserve evidence as it may be necessary to prove the report you are making or need to obtain a protection order. In the case of physical violence, including sexual assault, domestic violence, and dating violence, you should go directly to the emergency room and should not bathe, urinate, douche, brush teeth, drink liquids, or change clothes until after you are examined and, if necessary and you so choose, a rape examination is completed by a trained forensic professional at the hospital. Having a forensic examination does not obligate you to file criminal charges. Evidence in electronic formats should also be retained (e.g., text messages, emails, photos, social media posts, screenshots, etc.). This type of evidence is important and may be the only available evidence in cases of sexual harassment or stalking.

# II. Institutional Procedures

- ATSU's Policy No. 90-210, Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation and accompanying procedures (available at: <u>https://www.atsu.edu/prohibition-of-discriminationharassment-and-retaliation</u>) govern reports of sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence (including sexual assault), domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The procedures:
  - Will provide a prompt, fair, and impartial resolution of your report, under the evidentiary standard of preponderance of the evidence, i.e., more likely than not that the alleged conduct occurred.
  - Are carried out by University officials who have received training on these issues and how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that promotes safety and accountability.
  - Provide you and the respondent the right to have a support person/advisor accompany you to all aspects of the investigation and resolution process. A support person/advisor may not advocate for a party like an attorney would in court.
  - Ensure both you and the respondent will be notified simultaneously in writing of the outcome of all stages of the process, including any appeals.
  - Prohibit retaliation by the respondent or anyone else against you for making a report or against anyone else for participating in the investigation.
  - If you desire to have a support person/advisor but cannot find someone that you are comfortable with, please contact the Title IX Coordinator or a Deputy Title IX Coordinator for assistance in doing so.

# III. Possible Interim Measures and Sanctions

- Interim Measures. At any time during the investigation, the University may impose interim measures for the parties or witnesses for the protection of those involved and to ensure equal access to ATSU's educational programs and activities. These may include separating the parties, placing limitations on contact between the parties, suspension, or making alternative living, class-placement, or workplace arrangements.
- Sanctions. If there is a finding that a violation of the ATSU's Policy No. 90-210, Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation, has occurred, sanctions may include counseling or training, separation of the parties, and/or discipline of the respondent. Sanctions for employees may include a disciplinary warning to be added to the employee's file, probation, suspension with or without pay, and/or termination. Sanctions for students may include reprimand, a disciplinary warning to be added to the student's permanent file, probation, suspension, and/or dismissal.

# IV. Confidentiality

- ATSU cannot guarantee confidentiality to those who report incidents of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking, except when those reports are made to ATSU Counseling Services. If the reporting party requests confidentiality or asks that a report not be investigated, the University will take reasonable steps consistent with the request. However, the University's ability to respond to the allegation may be limited in such cases. ATSU may not be able to grant such a request when the allegation suggests a continuing threat to the University community.
- Throughout the investigation, the University will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to involved parties, to the extent maintaining such

confidentiality does not impair the University's ability to provide such accommodations or protective measures.

ATSU is required by law to make certain statistical disclosures of crimes reported to it. If an incident that is a crime is reported, the University will make the statistical disclosure without disclosing personally identifying information about the parties involved.

# V. Resources Available

ATSU Title IX Coordinator

John Gardner Director of Title IX & Training 800 West Jefferson Street Kirksville, MO 63501 660.626.2113 titleix@atsu.edu

ATSU Deputy Title IX Coordinators

Tonya Fitch Director of Human Resources Deputy Title IX Coordinator 5850 East Still Circle Mesa, AZ 85206-3618 480.219.6007 tfitch@atsu.edu

Beth Poppre Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Deputy Title IX Coordinator 5850 East Still Circle Mesa, AZ 85206-3618 480.219.6026 bpoppre@atsu.edu

Donna Brown Assistant Vice President of Human Resources Deputy Title IX Coordinator 800 West Jefferson Street Kirksville, MO 63501 660.626.2790 dbrown@atsu.edu

Lori Haxton Vice President for Student Affairs Deputy Title IX Coordinator 800 West Jefferson Street Kirksville, MO 63501 660.626.2236 Ihaxton@atsu.edu On-Campus Counseling (confidential resource for students)

ATSU Counseling Services (<u>http://www.atsu.edu/counseling\_services</u>) Mesa, AZ Campus: Art Matthews, 480.219.6170, <u>amatthews@atsu.edu</u>

Mesa, AZ Campus Security (<u>http://www.atsu.edu/security</u>)

Security Office - 480.341.9075

Local Police (serving Adelante clinic locations)

Emergency – 911 (off-campus)	
Emergency – 911 (on-campus)	
Phoenix Police Department	602.262.7625
Mesa Police Department	602.262.7626
Wickenburg Police Department	602.876.1860
Avondale Police Department	623.333.2600
Sunrise Police Department	602.222.4000
Buckeye and Gila Bend Police Dept.	623.386.4421

#### Student Financial Aid

Katie Clay Director, Student Financial Aid 800 West Jefferson Street Kirksville, MO 63501 866.626.2878, ext. 2356 or 660.626.2356 kclay@atsu.edu

#### Hospitals

Banner – University Medical Center Phoenix 1111 E. McDowell Road Phoenix, AZ 85006 602.839.2000

St. Joseph's Hospital 500 W. Thomas Road, Suite 870 Phoenix, AZ 85013 602.406.3000

Support Agencies/Hotlines

#### Mental Health Resources:

480.219.6170	http://atsu.edu/counseling_services
480.784.1500	
602.222.9444	http://www.crisisnetwork.org
602.347.1100	http://www.crisisnetwork.org
800.631.1314	www.mercymaricopa.org
480.944.4407	
http://marccr.com/contact-us/marc-information-resources/	
602.254.4357	
	480.784.1500 602.222.9444 602.347.1100 800.631.1314 480.944.4407 http://marccr.com/e

Services - Chandler http://bannerhealth.com/services/behaviorla+health/outpatient+services.htm Banner Behavioral Health Outpatient Services - Scottsdale 602.254.4357 http://bannerhealth.com/services/behaviorla+health/outpatient+services.htm Sexual Violence: La Frontera Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Response Line 480.736.4949 Crisis Center Valley East 480.969.2308 Deer Valley Counseling 602.589.8051 https://deerval.com Mesa Police Victim Service Unit 480.644.4075 Voices for Crime Victims 602.207.2940 http://www.voiceforvictims.org **Domestic Violence:** Arizona Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence 602-279-2900 http://acesdv.org Mesa Police Department Mesa Family

Please contact the Title IX Coordinator to discuss other resources that may be available in the community

480-644-4075

http://www.mesaaz.gov/residents/police/divisions/mesa-family-advocacy-center

- Legal Assistance, Visa and Immigration Assistance
  - Community Legal Services 305 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85003 602.258.3434

Advocacy Center

- Legal Aid of Arizona 3003 N. Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85012 480.389.6718
- Immigration Advocates Network: http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/search?state=AZ
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: <u>http://www.uscis.gov/about-us/find-uscis-office/field-offices/arizona</u>