

REGULATIONS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

4.051 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Victim Services for Students on Campus.

(1) The University values the dignity and safety of every individual on campus and encourages alleged victims of violence or harassment to report inappropriate behavior to the appropriate university offices, including the University Police Department and the Crime Victim Advocate. Alleged victims will be treated with dignity and compassion by University personnel and their privacy will be maintained, within the boundaries of the law. Alleged victims will be informed of their options within the criminal process and campus student conduct process, and may be accompanied by an advisor through any student conduct proceeding.

(2) Alleged victims will also be informed of campus and community resources to assist them in overcoming the incident and to proceed with their goals and responsibilities at the University. General campus services available to alleged victims of violence include: personal counseling and medical services; police assistance; and accommodations in academic and residence hall arrangements, when necessary.

(3) Alleged victims of violence or harassment where the act of violence is considered a violation or violations of the Student Conduct Code receive specific victim accommodations within the student conduct process. Acts of violence include sexual and physical assault, relationship/domestic violence, and stalking and harassment that include threats of violence.

(4) Alleged victims of violence may choose how to proceed within the student conduct process, although the University can proceed with conduct action without the victim's consent if the alleged behavior put others in reasonable fear of physical harm or created a hostile

environment in which others are unable to conduct or participate in University work, education, research or other activities, or otherwise adversely affects the accused student's suitability as a member of the University Community. Alleged victims of violence or harassment whose cases are handled by the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution in an administrator or committee hearing have certain rights in the conduct process. Victim rights include the following:

- (a) to be informed of the available resolution options under the Student Conduct Code.
- (b) to be treated with dignity and respect no matter which resolution option is chosen.
- (c) to be informed of campus resources to assist in working through the situation.
- (d) to be kept informed of the status of the case throughout the process upon request.
- (e) to have an advisor present during the hearing. This person may be a victim advocate, attorney, friend, faculty member, family member. This person may not address the witnesses, accused student, committee or any other party or otherwise directly participate in the proceedings.
- (f) to have a support person present during the hearing. This person shall play no role other than as emotional support to the alleged victim.
- (g) to remain present throughout the remainder of the hearing. The alleged victim may participate in the hearing from another room so long as this does not infringe upon the accused student's right to question the accuser and witnesses.
- (h) to submit potential questions to the hearing chair prior to and during the hearing and to ask relevant questions of the accused and witnesses who give statements or provide information during the hearing. Repetitive questions are not permitted. All questions will be

submitted in writing to the chair of the committee and all relevant questions will be asked by the chair of the committee.

(i) to submit a written impact statement to be considered by the committee, if the accused is determined responsible for violating the Student Conduct Code but before sanctions are determined.

(j) to have the right to have unrelated and irrelevant sexual behavior excluded from the hearing.

(k) to appeal the decision of the hearing body under the same standards the accused can appeal.

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