Student Disciplinary Investigation Process

* Related to Sexual Assault, Dating/Domestic Violence, and Stalking allegations

Reflects Title IX, VAWA, and Chapter UWS17 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code

Please Note:
1. “Respondent” refers to the person whom an allegation is made against, or the alleged assailant
2. “Complainant” refers to the person reporting an allegation, or the alleged victim
3. “Special Investigator” refers to a designated and highly trained investigator contracted to assist in case investigations
4. “Preponderance” refers to a standard of proof that shows something is more likely than not to have occurred
5. Chapter UWS 17 is the student non-academic misconduct procedure for all UW System institutions and covers both on and off campus behavior. Chapter UWS 17 is available online at the following link: http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/uws/17/pdf
6. Allegations involving a respondent who is a student or employee at another UW System institution shall be forwarded to the appropriate office on that campus.
7. Any questions regarding the investigation process should be directed to: Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards, 70 Bascom Hall, dean@studentlife.wisc.edu or David Blom at dblom@wisc.edu
8. A complete and detailed listing of each of these policies and rights can be found in the most recent UW-Madison annual Security and Fire Safety Report, at: uwpd.wisc.edu/crime-data/clery-act
9. Consent must be freely given with overt words or actions that clearly communicate an individual’s desire to engage in sexual activities. Consent is a clear yes, not the absence of a no. Consent cannot legally be obtained if an individual is incapacitated due to alcohol or other drugs, is unconscious or asleep, or has limited mental capacity.
10. Confidential means that, as allowable by law, the information survivors share with us will not be shared to law enforcement, campus authorities, parents or any other person without the explicit written permission of the student victim/survivor.
11. The outline for the Chancellor Appeal can be viewed at http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/uws/17/13
12. Wherever possible, the university will obtain the complainant’s agreement before proceeding with an investigation. In those limited situations where the university must proceed without the complainant’s agreement, we will explain why we have to proceed.