Sexual Assault Policies and Procedures

Purpose:

Hawai‘i Community College (HawCC) is committed to ensuring a safe and secure college environment for all students and employees and will not tolerate acts of sexual assault. The sexual assault policy and procedures address Hawai‘i Community College’s programs to prevent sex offenses and procedures to follow when a sex offense occurs.

Policy and Procedures:

Sex offense is defined as any forcible or nonforcible sexual act directed against another person without that person’s consent. To promote the awareness and prevention of rape, acquaintance rape, and other forcible and nonforcible sex offenses, educational programs are conducted by HawCC Campus Security, the HawCC Office of Student Services, and the HawCC Student Government. An annual security report is disseminated to current and prospective students and employees.

Any member of the Hawai‘i Community College community who commits a sex offense is subject to criminal prosecution and college disciplinary procedures. Under the University of Hawai‘i and Hawai‘i Community College disciplinary procedures, a variety of sanctions may be imposed including dismissal or loss of employment. College disciplinary procedures provide due-process protection for the accuser and the accused. At the conclusion of the mandated hearings related to a sex offense, both the accuser and the accused shall be informed of the decision and sanction.

When a sex offense occurs, the victim has the option of notifying proper law enforcement authorities on-campus (Campus Security, HawCC 854-1420, UHH 974-7911) and off-campus (Police, 911). Preserving evidence for the proof of a criminal offense is important. A HawCC counselor or the UHH nurse should be contacted. If requested by the victim, the counselor or nurse will assist in notifying the authorities. The counselor or nurse will inform the victim of on- and off-campus counseling and services for victims of sex offenses (i.e. HawCC Counseling and Support Services Center, UHH Women’s Center, Sexual Assault Crises Line). The College will assist a student victim in continuing his/her studies by changing academic and on-campus living situations if requested by the victim and reasonably available. The College will take all steps to ensure confidentiality of any sex offense victim.

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