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**UC SAN DIEGO STUDENT SEX OFFENSE**

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

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**I. POLICY STATEMENT**

The University of California, San Diego is committed to creating and maintaining an environment in which all persons who participate in University programs and activities can work together in an atmosphere free of all forms of physical or sexual assault, harassment, exploitation, or intimidation. Every member of the University community

should be aware that such behavior is prohibited by law and by University policy and that the University will not tolerate sex offenses in any form. The University will take appropriate action to prevent, correct, and discipline behavior that is found to violate its policy or regulations proscribing sex offenses.

The University encourages the timely reporting of all sex offenses. The University's first responsibility in responding to such reports is attending to the needs of the individuals involved (for example, the student who reports being sexually assaulted, the person accused, and potential witnesses). All reports of sex offenses are taken with the utmost seriousness, and the student will be referred to the appropriate persons for assistance. The University is also dedicated to ensuring that the individual accused of committing the offense is treated fairly by the University. The person accused will be presumed innocent, guaranteed a fair process and will be referred to appropriate services for assistance.

The University recognizes the concern for privacy inherent in allegations of sex offenses and will maintain confidentiality regarding all dealings related to allegations of sex offenses to the extent permitted by law or University policy.<sup>1</sup>

## **II. APPLICABLE STANDARDS**

This Policy addresses sex offenses as they affect UC San Diego students, both as those who report being sexually assaulted and as those who have been charged with the commission of such an offense. Other policies may also apply to non-students who report being sexually assaulted or who are alleged to have committed a sex offense.

Many sex offenses can be addressed both through University administrative procedures and through the criminal justice system. This Policy defines the sex offenses prohibited by the Student Conduct Code, and provides guidance on what students should do if they have been sexually assaulted and what the University will do if a sex offense is reported. In addition to being disciplined under the Student Conduct Code, a student alleged to have engaged in a sex offense may also be prosecuted under California criminal statutes. The determination regarding whether a matter will be criminally prosecuted is made by the applicable prosecutor's office, not by officials at UC San Diego, and any criminal process is entirely separate from administrative proceedings at the University.

This Policy applies to sex offenses even though they may be a form of sexual harassment. Reports of sexual harassment should be brought under the University of California Policy on Sexual Harassment, which addresses unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature. Some types of conduct may be charged under either or both this Policy and the Policy on Sexual Harassment. Consensual romantic relationships between members of the

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<sup>1</sup> University administrators are required to report to the police any information they receive of any sex offense involving an individual under the age of 18 years. Students who have questions about this mandatory reporting obligation may wish to seek confidential counseling from Student Legal Services before discussing any incident of a sex offense involving individuals under 18 years of age.

University community may be subject to other University policies; for example, those governing faculty-student relationships are detailed in the Faculty Code of Conduct.<sup>3</sup>

### **A. Prohibited Acts**

It is prohibited both under the Student Conduct Code and this Policy for students to commit or attempt to commit any sex offense defined or addressed in this Policy, including sexual assault (which includes rape and date or acquaintance rape), sexual misconduct, and sexual harassment. The following policy definitions apply:

1. “Effective consent” referenced throughout this Policy means words or actions that show a voluntary agreement by a person with the requisite capacity to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Such consent may not be inferred from silence or passivity alone. Effective consent is specific to each individual act; having previously consented to an act does not imply continued effective consent. A current or previous romantic or sexual relationship does not imply continued consent. Cooperation that is forced through direct or implied threats of violence is not effective consent, nor is cooperation that is solicited by fear or coercion. Consent may be withdrawn at any time during sexual activity.
2. “Sexual assault” occurs when a sexual activity is engaged in without the effective consent of the other person, is intentional and is committed either by a) physical force, violence, threat, or intimidation; b) ignoring the objections of the other person; c) causing the other person’s intoxication or impairment through the use of drugs or alcohol; or d) taking advantage of the other person’s incapacitation (including voluntary intoxication), state of intimidation, or other inability to consent.
3. “Sexual misconduct” occurs when a sexual activity is engaged in without the intent to harm another and where, by failing to correctly assess the circumstances, a person believes unreasonably that effective consent was given when, in fact, it was not. Situations involving physical force, violence, threat or intimidation fall under the definition of sexual assault, not sexual misconduct, and will be treated as such under this Policy.
4. An “attempt” occurs when anyone attempts to commit an act defined above but fails, or is prevented or intercepted in its perpetration.

### **B. The Role of Alcohol or Drugs**

It is a violation of University policy and a criminal offense to have sexual contact or intercourse with someone who has been using alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants to the degree that he or she is unable to provide effective consent. This is true whether

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<sup>3</sup> The Faculty Code of Conduct may be found in Academic Personnel Manual (APM) section 015.

or not the person reporting the sexual assault voluntarily consumed the alcohol, drug or intoxicant.

Intentionally causing someone to become intoxicated in order to facilitate the sex offense will be considered when determining responsibility and, where responsibility has been found, assessing appropriate sanctions.

Given the fact that alcohol and/or other intoxicants are often involved in sex offense matters, a complainant may be afraid to report to authorities if he or she had also been engaged in an activity which violated University policy or state law, such as a person under age 21 drinking alcohol. UC San Diego encourages the reporting of sex offenses and therefore generally does not hold complainants and/or witnesses accountable for such Student Conduct Code violations that may have occurred at the time of the sex offense.

The use of intoxicants by a person accused of a sex offense does not excuse the offense or diminish the seriousness of the incident.

### **C. University Responsibility**

Whether or not the criminal justice authorities choose to prosecute, the University may pursue formal disciplinary action against a student alleged to have committed a sex offense. Responsibility for pursuing University disciplinary actions involving students rests with the appropriate Deans and the Office of Student Policies and Judicial Affairs (SPJA).

### **D. Jurisdiction**

The University has jurisdiction over offenses by students that occur on University property (such as classrooms and residence halls), and at official University functions and programs. In addition, although the University will not routinely invoke its disciplinary processes over student conduct that occurs off campus, the University has discretion under this Policy to exercise jurisdiction over conduct that occurs off campus.

In determining whether or not to exercise off-campus jurisdiction, the University will consider the totality of the circumstances, including (but not limited to) the following:

1. The seriousness of the alleged misconduct
2. Whether the alleged victim is a member of the University community
3. The ability of the University to gather information, including the testimony of witnesses, and
4. Whether the off-campus conduct is part of a continuing course or pattern of conduct that occurred either on or off campus.

Exercise of off-campus jurisdiction requires the approval of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs.

#### **E. Timing of Reports and Availability of Procedures**

Reports of sex offenses should be brought forward as soon as possible after the alleged conduct occurs. While there is no stated timeframe for reporting, prompt reporting will better enable the University to investigate the facts, determine the issues, and provide an appropriate remedy or disciplinary action. All incidents should be reported even if a significant amount of time has passed.

#### **F. Retaliation**

This Policy prohibits retaliation as a result of a person making a report under this Policy, assisting someone with a report of a sex offense, or participating in any manner in an investigation or resolution of a report of a sex offense. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, threats, intimidation, reprisals, and/or adverse actions related to the provision of University services committed or instigated by the person accused or persons acting on behalf of that person.

#### **G. Lack of Evidence**

Because reports of sex offenses may involve interactions between persons that are not witnessed by others, reports of sex offenses cannot always be substantiated by additional evidence other than the accounts by the persons involved. Lack of corroborating evidence or “proof” should not discourage individuals from reporting sex offenses.

#### **H. Intentionally False Reports**

Individuals who make reports that are later found to have been intentionally false or made maliciously without regard for truth may be subject to disciplinary action under the applicable University disciplinary policies. This provision does not apply to reports made in good faith, even if the facts alleged in the report cannot be substantiated by an investigation.

### **III. INFORMATION AND RESOURCES RELATED TO SEX OFFENSES**

The University encourages timely reporting of sex offenses. For immediate assistance/support/advice, individuals may contact the UC San Diego Police, Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center, College Residence Life Staff, Deans of Student Affairs, Counseling and Psychological Services, Student Policies and Judicial Affairs, Student Legal Services, and the Office of Sexual Harassment Prevention and

Policy. These offices will provide information regarding options available to persons who have experienced a sex offense.

There are many options and resources as well as information available both on campus and in the San Diego community to provide response, medical services, counseling, and support services to victims of sex offenses. Appendix A lists the current telephone numbers of these resources as well as others. Information regarding resources is also available from the Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center.

#### **IV. PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING AND RESPONDING TO REPORTS OF SEXUAL OFFENSES**

##### **A. Overview**

The Higher Education Amendments of 1992, enacted on July 23, 1992, require universities and colleges to prevent, report, and investigate sex offenses that occur on campus. UC San Diego encourages all persons who have experienced a sex offense to report an offense as soon as possible after its occurrence, in accordance with the following procedures, in order for appropriate and timely action to be taken.

Persons experiencing a sex offense may exercise **any or all** of the following options:

- \* **Report** the sex offense to the UC San Diego Police or off-campus police (if the sex offense occurred off campus), particularly if the individual desires prosecution through the criminal justice system; **and/or**
- \* **Request** an administrative investigation from the Office of Sexual Harassment Prevention and Policy (OSHPP) (<http://oshpp.ucsd.edu>), whether or not a report has been filed with the police; **and/or**
- \* **Seek** counseling and support services through the Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center (SARC) (<http://sarc.ucsd.edu>).

The procedures for resolution of reports of sex offenses outlined here pertain to administrative actions taken by UC San Diego. The administrative review process utilizes a team approach, with OSHPP serving as fact finder/investigator; the Director of SPJA overseeing the hearing process and the relevant Dean implementing agreed-upon sanctions or discipline; and a person of the complainant's choice to provide support throughout the process. Confidential counseling is available at SARC or at Counseling and Psychological Services.

##### **B. Making Reports of Sex Offenses to the Police**

The University strongly encourages anyone who has experienced a sex offense to call the police as soon as possible.

## **1. Reporting and Investigatory Process**

Although it is never too late to file a police report, it is highly recommended to report a sex offense as soon as possible in order to effectively collect evidence. When the UC San Diego Police are contacted, an investigating officer trained in sex offenses cases will be dispatched to the scene and will explain the police and medical procedures to the complainant. The officer will typically interview the accused and witnesses and collect evidence. The officer will inform the complainant that he/she has the right to have a support person present during the investigative interview. Detectives will assist with the investigation, evidentiary exam and proper evidence collection.

## **2. Evidentiary Exam**

If it is determined that an evidentiary exam is necessary, the police will assist with transportation and contacting the San Diego Sexual Assault Response Team (SART), who will conduct the exam. A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) from SART must conduct the medical evidentiary exam as soon as possible to maximize the collection of evidence for potential criminal prosecution. SART involvement is only possible when a police report is filed. While Thornton Hospital and Student Health Service can provide medical services, they do NOT perform evidentiary exams. SART exams are not performed in emergency rooms but by independent forensic services.

## **3. Victim Witness Assistance Program**

If a complainant chooses to file a police report, the Victim/Witness Assistance Program, funded by the state of California, is available free of charge. Their services include counseling, court escort and advocacy and financial assistance. The UC San Diego Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center (SARC) also provides counseling, court escort and advocacy to complainants.

## **4. Decisions Regarding Criminal Prosecution**

At the conclusion of the police investigation, the case may be forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review. The final decision regarding whether a case will be criminally prosecuted rests in the hands of the prosecutor's office. If the prosecutor does not prosecute the complaint, the complainant may request that a representative from SARC accompany him or her to the prosecutor's office for a meeting to discuss its decision.

No one at the University will force the complainant to make a police report or be a witness in the court proceedings.

### **C. Making Reports of Sex Offenses to the University Administration**

Where administrative action is requested, OSHPP will complete a fact-finding report that will be submitted to the appropriate University officials and hearing bodies. In addition, OSHPP may propose remedies for the individual who has reported a sex offense (such as adjustments to housing or class schedules or other actions to be taken to support or otherwise aid the individual, in contrast to sanctions that might be taken against the accused).

All University officials will refer reports of sex offenses to OSHPP as soon as possible after receipt of the report or knowledge of the incident, unless rules regarding privacy or confidentiality prevent this disclosure.

### **D. Options for Administrative Resolution at the University**

Individuals making reports of sexual offenses will be provided information about options for addressing such reports, including options which may informally resolve complaints (see E below) as well as procedures for formal adjudication (see F below). In addition, individuals making reports will be informed about policies applying to confidentiality of reports (see VII below).

Individuals bringing reports of sex offenses will also be informed about the range of possible outcomes of the report, including interim protections, remedies for the individual harmed, and disciplinary actions that might be taken against the person accused of a sex offense as a result of the report, including information about the procedures leading to such outcomes.

### **E. Alternatives to Formal University Adjudication**

#### **1. Purpose**

Alternatives to formal University adjudication are intended to provide a forum for resolution of reports of sex offenses outside of a formal hearing process, where the complainant prefers to pursue such options or where such options are reasonable under the circumstances alleged. The options attempt to balance the interests of the parties while reaching resolutions that are fair and that protect the interests of the complainant, the University community and the person accused. These options will only be used when all parties agree to participate and to be bound by the resolution plan.

#### **2. Options**

Alternatives to formal University adjudication are intended to be flexible and encompass a full range of possible appropriate outcomes. Alternatives may

include an inquiry into the facts, but typically do not include a full investigation. Options include, but are not limited to, opportunities for third party assistance in facilitating discussions or meetings, or a negotiated agreement reached with the assistance of the appropriate Dean. A complainant can explore these options in a number of venues (a Resident Dean, the Office of the Ombuds, SARC, etc.). All options for resolution must be discussed with OSHP before implementation.

### **3. Resolutions and Records**

If a resolution is reached using an alternative to formal University adjudication, to which both the complainant and the person accused agree, the matter is considered closed. Any resolution reached using these options would exclude involuntary separation from the University (such as suspension or dismissal) and would not result in a disciplinary record. At any time prior to reaching such a resolution, the complainant may request that the matter be handled through the procedures for formal adjudication outlined below.

## **F. Procedures for Formal University Adjudication**

A hearing is the formal adjudication of a complaint of a sex offense. As set forth in more detail below, this formal procedure begins with an investigation of the facts by OSHP. Based on the facts, OSHP determines whether there is reasonable cause to believe this Policy was violated. OSHP's report is forwarded to the Director of SPJA and the appropriate Dean, who together determine whether a charge of misconduct shall be filed. There is an opportunity for informal resolution of the charge with the appropriate Dean, but if no resolution is reached, the matter proceeds to a hearing under procedures outlined in the Student Conduct Code at section 22.19.16.11 and following. Hearing Officers hearing a case involving a sex offense shall be provided specialized training prior to the hearing. All hearings involving a sex offense shall be treated as confidential and closed to the public.

The procedures for a hearing begin with a fact-finding investigation.

### **1. Fact-Finding Investigation**

OSHP will conduct a formal investigation of the allegations. The formal investigation is typically initiated when an individual who has reported a sex offense files a written request for formal investigation. In cases where there is no written request, the University may initiate an investigation with the approval of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. The formal investigation includes the following:

- a. The individual(s) accused of conduct violating this Policy will be provided a copy of the written request for Formal Investigation or otherwise given a full and complete written statement of the allegations, and a copy of this Policy within a reasonable period of time following the

initiation of the formal investigation, typically within seven (7) working days.

- b. The individual(s) conducting the investigation shall be familiar with this Policy and have training or experience in conducting investigations.
- c. The investigation generally includes interviews with the parties, interviews with other witnesses as needed, and a review of relevant documents as appropriate. Disclosure of facts to parties and witnesses is limited to what is reasonably necessary to conduct a fair and thorough investigation. Participants in an investigation are advised that maintaining confidentiality is essential to protect the integrity of the investigation and the privacy of those involved in the investigation.
- d. Upon request, the complainant and the accused may each have a support person present when he or she is interviewed. Other witnesses may have a support person present at the discretion of the investigator or as required by applicable University policy or collective bargaining agreement. In addition, resources such as SARC or Student Legal Services may be consulted.
- e. At any time during the investigation, the investigator may recommend interim protections or remedies to the appropriate UC San Diego official. These protections or remedies may include separating the parties, placing limitations on contact between the parties, or making alternative academic, working or student housing arrangements. Failure to comply with the terms of interim protections may be considered a separate violation of the Student Conduct Code.
- f. The investigation shall be completed as promptly as possible and in most cases within thirty (30) days of the date the request for formal investigation was filed. The relevant Dean will be informed regarding investigations that are not completed within this timeframe.
- g. Generally, an investigation results in a written report that includes a statement of the allegations and issues, the positions of the parties, a summary of the evidence, findings of fact, and a determination by the investigator as to whether there is reasonable cause to believe that University policy has been violated. The standard of proof for the purposes of the investigation is preponderance of the evidence (whether it is more likely than not that the facts occurred as alleged). The report will be submitted to the appropriate Dean and the Director of SPJA. The report may be used as evidence in other related proceedings, such as subsequent complaints, grievances and/or disciplinary actions.

- h. The complainant and the accused will be informed promptly in writing when the investigation is complete. They may each request a copy of the investigative report. However, in accordance with University policy, the report will be redacted to protect the privacy of personal and confidential information regarding all individuals other than the individual requesting the report.
- i. OSHP, in cooperation with the relevant University officials, will ensure that the appropriate remedies (such as adjustments to housing or class schedules) are provided to the complainant, regardless of the outcome of the disciplinary process.

## **2. Granting/Denying a Hearing**

- a. Upon receipt of the investigative report, the Dean, in consultation with the Director of SPJA, will consider the report and will either dismiss the report/complaint **or** prepare and forward a brief written notice of allegations to the accused student. The notice shall include a brief statement of the factual basis of the charges and the policies or regulations allegedly violated. It will also inform the student of the availability of assistance through the A.S. Office of Student Advocacy and Student Legal Services and the procedures for processing complaints.
- b. If the report/complaint is dismissed, the complainant may appeal that decision to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, whose decision shall be final.

## **3. Selection of Hearing Officer(s)**

- a. If the report/complaint is not dismissed, the Director of SPJA, in consultation with the appropriate Dean, will appoint either a single staff or faculty Hearing Officer or a panel of three Hearing Officers. The Director of SPJA will make this decision based on the totality of the circumstances. If the Director of SPJA appoints a panel, it shall be composed of one student and two staff or faculty members, one of whom shall be appointed to serve as Chair of the panel. The Chair of the panel shall be one of the staff or faculty members.
- b. Both the complainant and the accused will be notified of the identity of the Hearing Officer(s) appointed and shall have the opportunity to challenge any of the Hearing Officer(s) under the Student Conduct Code.
- c. Prior to the hearing the Hearing Officer(s) shall be trained regarding issues specific to sex offenses.

#### **4. Confidentiality of the Hearings Process:**

In order to comply with law protecting education records of students and to provide an orderly process for the presentation and consideration of relevant evidence without undue intimidation or pressure, the hearing process is confidential. Therefore, documents prepared in anticipation of the hearing (such as the investigation report, the Notice of Charges, and the pre-hearing submissions referenced below); documents, testimony, or other evidence introduced at the hearing; or any transcript of the hearing itself may not be disclosed except as required or authorized by law.

#### **5. Hearing Process**

The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with Student Conduct Code, except where provisions of this Policy differ from those in the Student Conduct Code, in which case the provisions of this Policy shall govern.

- a. Upon request, the complainant and the accused may each have a support person present at the hearing. The complainant may be present at the entire hearing. The Hearing Officer or Chair of a panel shall manage the hearing process and may permit the complainant to be visually or physically separated from the person accused.
- b. The Hearing Officer or Chair of a panel shall have the discretion to determine how the questioning of witnesses will proceed (whether, for example, questions will be posed directly to witnesses or given to the Hearing Officer), and the Hearing Officer may take steps to prevent the harassment or intimidation of any of the witnesses, including the accused, during the hearing process.
- c. The complainant will be informed of the outcome of the hearing and of any sanctions.

### **V. SANCTIONS**

When a student is found responsible for a violation of this Policy, sanctions may be imposed by the relevant Dean. The complainant may present the relevant Dean with a statement describing the impact of the sex offense on the complainant. The student found responsible will be provided an opportunity to respond to the statement. The relevant Dean shall not be bound by these statements in determining a sanction.

Examples of sanctions for students found to have committed a sex offense include, but are not limited to: loss of privileges, restrictions, removal from UC San Diego housing, exclusion from campus, suspension, or dismissal.

Within 5 working days of disciplinary action against the accused person, the appropriate Dean shall notify OSHPP in writing of the action taken. OSHPP shall then provide the complainant with a written notice indicating the outcome of the disciplinary proceedings, including all sanctions taken against the accused, as permitted by law and University policy, and all individual remedies available to the complainant.

## **VI. PRIVACY**

The University shall protect the privacy of individuals involved in a report of a sex offense except as otherwise required by law or University policy. A report of a sex offense may result in the gathering of extremely sensitive information about individuals in the University community. While such information is considered confidential, University policy regarding access to public records and disclosure of personal information may require disclosure of certain information concerning a report of a sex offense. In such cases, efforts shall be made to redact the records, as appropriate, in order to protect the privacy of individuals.

## **VII. CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS OF SEX OFFENSES**

There are three offices on campus who can generally provide information on a confidential basis. Licensed counselors at SARC and Counseling & Psychological Services, and the Ombuds Office provide safe places where individuals who may be interested in bringing a report of a sex offense can discuss their concerns and learn about the procedures and potential outcomes. Individuals who consult with these confidential resources shall be advised that their discussions in these settings are not considered reports of a sex offense and that without additional action by the individual, such as reporting to OSHPP, the Police or other University Official, the discussions will not result in any action by the University to resolve their concerns, except as otherwise required by law.

## **VIII. RECORDS**

Where there has been a finding, after a formal hearing or after investigation, or an acknowledgment of wrong-doing, notice shall be placed in the student's confidential file with the appropriate Dean, and notice of this shall be sent to OSHPP.

## **IX. OPTIONS OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY FOR RESOLUTION OF REPORTS OF SEX OFFENSES**

Students may file complaints under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 with the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education. Contact OSHPP for current information.

## Appendix A

**UC San Diego Police.** Staff, students, faculty, and members of the community experiencing a sex offense on campus will receive a timely response from the UC San Diego Police. (For sex offenses off campus, local police should be contacted.) In addition, the police and only the police can arrange for medical evidentiary examinations in order to provide admissible evidence when the person reporting the sex offense desires prosecution through the criminal justice system.

The UC San Diego Police Department encourages the University community, including students, to immediately contact them by dialing 911 or 858/534-4357 to report a sex offense. The preservation of evidence is essential to the successful prosecution of a sex offense. UC San Diego Police Department personnel have been specially trained in the proper handling, identification, collection and preservation of such evidence.

**The Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center (SARC)** is a primary source for information, crisis intervention and follow-up support regarding sexual assault, dating violence and stalking on the UC San Diego campus. SARC provides accompaniment services for student victims to the police, evidentiary exams and the court system. In addition, individual and group counseling is also available to students who are victims of violent crime. After hours and on weekends, SARC staff are available by contacting the UC San Diego Police at (858) 534-HELP.

**Office of Sexual Harassment Prevention and Policy (OSHPP)** is responsible for receiving and conducting the administrative investigation of all reports of sex offenses filed on campus and is available to discuss options, provide support, explain university policies and procedures, and provide education on relevant issues. OSHPP is available only during normal business hours. The OSHPP investigation is not a criminal procedure.

**Medical Assistance.** Students experiencing a sex offense on campus should receive medical attention promptly from Student Health Service and/or one of the local hospitals. It should be noted that medical examinations at Student Health Service are not admissible for legal purposes; evidentiary exams provided through the services of SART are strongly advised (this means reporting the sex offense to the UC San Diego Police). In addition, it is important to note that any health center or physician treating the victim of a violent crime is obligated by law to report the crime to the police.

**Colleges and Residential Staff:** Individual College Deans, Resident Deans, and Assistant Resident Deans are all knowledgeable about this Policy and the resources available at UC San Diego and can provide assistance, information and support for the person filing the report of a sexual offense and the accused.

**School of Medicine.** The School of Medicine Deans and Program Directors are available to support, and refer medical students, residents and fellows should the need arise. Help with arranging treatment and confidential counseling is available.

**The Office for Graduate Studies** provides information for graduate students on a broad array of topics relevant to graduate education. The Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies works to resolve student conduct issues and advises students about resource options for conflict resolution.

**Counseling and Psychological Services.** CAPS offers free and confidential short-term and crisis counseling by licensed mental health providers to all UC San Diego students on an urgent basis, or by appointment. CAPS also offers certain free and confidential psychiatric services. Referrals to off-campus psychotherapeutic and psychiatric providers are also available through CAPS.

**The Women's Center.** The Women's Center offers campus and community referral services.

**Student Legal Services** offers confidential counseling and education on legal topics to currently-registered students. SLS can assist directly as well as make referrals to appropriate resources.

**The Ombuds Office** provides confidential services to anyone in the University community and can provide information about University policies and procedures and make referrals.

**The Office of Student Advocacy** exists to inform, advise and represent individual students experiencing academic or administrative conflicts with the University, as well as to pursue broader issues of student rights affecting large classes of students. The areas in which the Office of the Student Advocate advises and represents students include, but are not limited to, conduct violations such as academic dishonesty charges, alleged violations of the UCSD Student Conduct Code and related policies, campus conduct related with the UCSD Police.