

#### **DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT/RETALIATION COMPLAINT FORM**

If you believe that you have been subjected to discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), or retaliation, you are encouraged to complete this form and submit it to one of the College's Civil Rights Compliance Officers below. The College prohibits retaliation against any individual who makes a complaint. Please provide the information requested below as accurately and completely as possible. Attach additional documentation if necessary.

Civil Rights Compliance Officers			
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#### 1. Personal Information

Name:			Today's Date:	
Street Address:		Cit	y, State:	Zip:
Preferred Telephone Number:	Email Address:			
Date of Birth:	Sex:		Race/Ethnicity:	
Check one: Student –please provide your ID number:	□ Facult	y 🗖 Staf	ff (if faculty or staff, pl	lease complete section 2)

#### 2. Job Information (SCCC employees only)

Your official job title:	Campus where you work (check one):		Date of hire:	
	Eastern	□ Ammerman	□ Grant	
Department in which you work:		Immediate supervisor'	s name and j	ob title:

# 3. Name (and title) of the person(s) that allegedly discriminated, harassed, or retaliated against you (this person is called the Respondent):

Respondent's status (check one):  Stude	ent 🗖 H	Faculty	□ Staff	□ Other	Don't know
Respondent's campus (check one):	Eastern	□ Ammerr	nan 🛛 Gra	nt 🛛 I don't kno	ow
Relationship to you (check all that apply):	Professor	□ Supervis	sor 🛛 Co-worke	r 🛛 Subordinate	□ Other

4.	I believe I was discriminated against, harassed, or retaliated against because of my:				
	Gender/Sex	□ Pregnancy	□ National Origin/Ancestry		
	Race/Color	□ Age	U Veteran/Military Status		
	Domestic Violence Victim status	Gender Identity	□ Sexual orientation		
	Sexual Harassment	Sexual Violence/Assault	□ Opposed discrimination		
	Retaliation	Creed/Religious Belief - What	is your religion?		
	Marital Status/Familial Status - What i	s your marital/familial status?			
	Disability – Please share the type of di	sability:			
If y	ou do not have a disability, but you be	lieve that the person acted because s	/he perceives you as a person with a		
disa	ability, please explain:				
	Other (please specify):				
*N	ote: if you do not believe the reason w	as discrimination, please inform the	e Civil Rights Compliance Officer.		
5.	What was done to you that you feel	was unfair? (check all that apply)	:		
	Demoted Forced your retirement/resignation Denied access to activity		<ul> <li>Failed to hire</li> <li>Terminated you</li> <li>Denied access to activity</li> </ul>		
	Other (please specify):				
6.	Original (first) date of conduct compl	ained of (on or about):			
7.	Most recent date of conduct:				
	Is the alleged conduct continuing? (check one):				
9.	Did you ask for an accommodation for a disability?  Yes No If yes, to whom?				
	What was the accommodation sought?				
10.	<b>).</b> If you were refused a job, promotion, transfer, etc., please tell us the following:				
	Title of job sought:				
	Did you apply? Tyee No When did you submit your application?				
	To your knowledge, who got the job?				

#### 11. Complaint Statement

Describe everything that happened to you that you feel was discriminatory, retaliation, or harassing. List each event and action and be as specific as possible regarding who, what, when and where. List the date(s) names and titles of everyone involved. Use as many additional pages as necessary. If you have relevant documents, please attach and submit them.

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12.	Did you complain or report this to anyo	one else? 🛛 Yes 🔲 No If	f so, to whom?	
	When did you complain?			
	What was the outcome?			
13.	Are there any documents that support y	your claim? 🗆 Yes 🛛 No	If so, please attacl	h and submit them.
14.	Was anyone else treated the same way	that you were? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No	If yes please pr	ovide their contact information:
	Name	Job title or student	Telephone N	
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15.	Did anyone witness the treatment that y	you were subjected to? 🛛 Yes	□ No. If yes, p	lease provide their contact
	Name	Job title or student	Telephone	What did they witness

Name	Job title or student	Telephone number	What did they witness

16. For employees - Have you tried to solve your situation through the grievance process with your union, or filed a

complaint under any other College policy?

□ Yes □ No When did you file a grievance?

For students - Have you filed a grade grievance or other complaint with Academic or Student Affairs?

	□ Yes □ No When did you file a grievance?
17.	Have you filed a complaint with any other agency, court or department regarding this matter? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No
	If so, where?On what date?
18.	Have you made a report with College Public Safety?  Yes No On what date?
19.	Have you filed a criminal complaint with the Police?  Yes No On what date?
20.	What have you lost as a result of what happened to you? (salary, benefits, academic standing, etc.)
21.	What remedy, outcome, or resolution are you looking for? Describe what it would take to resolve the issue(s)

I affirm that I have read the above allegation(s) and that the information I have provided above is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. As per the College's complaint procedures the investigator and the complainant shall agree to keep all information gathered relative to the allegations of discrimination in confidence to the extent practicable or allowable by law.

I have been advised that it is a violation of State and Federal statues to retaliate against an individual because they have filed a discrimination complaint. If I am subjected to any adverse action that I feel may be retaliatory, I will promptly report such to the Civil Right Compliance Officer(s).

I have been further advised that the filing of an internal complaint with the College is not a waiver of my right to file a formal complaint of unlawful discrimination with the New York State Division of Human Rights (NYSDHR), The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); the US Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR), the Federal courts or the State courts. Please see Appendix B for contact information.

In addition, I am advised that the filing of an internal complaint does not stop the statute of limitations for filing external complaints with the EEOC, the New York State Division of Human Rights, litigation or any other agency hearing such complaints. I am aware that should I choose to file a verified complaint with an outside agency, such a complaint must be filed with the EEOC within 180 days of the alleged incident; with the New York State Division of Human Rights within 365 days of the alleged incident; and with the US Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) within 180 days of the last act of discrimination (be advised that you may request a waiver of this timeframe from OCR.)

Date:

Your signature:

For office use only:

Received/Date stamp:

## <u>APPENDIX A</u> SUNY Sexual Harassment Response and Prevention Policy Statement

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination which is unlawful in the workplace under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and the New York State Human Rights Law. Under Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, sexual harassment also is prohibited in the provision of educational services and protects students and employees from sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment is prohibited and will not be tolerated at SUNY. The University has implemented measures to address and prevent sexual harassment and is taking additional affirmative steps to increase awareness of, and sensitivity to, all forms of sexual harassment in order to maintain a workplace and learning environment free of its harmful effects.

Sexual harassment is a form of workplace discrimination and employee misconduct, as well as a form of discrimination in the academic setting, and all employees and students are entitled to work and learn in a campus environment that prevents sexual harassment. All employees and students have a legal right to a workplace and a campus free from sexual harassment, and employees and students can enforce this right by filing a complaint internally with the University, or with a government agency, or in court under federal or state anti-discrimination laws, as detailed in the University's Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

In accordance with applicable law, sexual harassment is generally described as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or academic benefit; or
- Submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for an employment or academic decision affecting the person rejecting or submitting to the conduct; or
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an affected person's work or academic performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work or learning environment.

Sexual harassment can include physical touching, verbal comments, non-verbal conduct such as learing or inappropriate written or electronic communications, or a combination of these things. Examples of sexual harassment may include, but are not limited to:

- Seeking sexual favors or a sexual relationship in return for the promise of a favorable grade or academic opportunity;
- Conditioning an employment-related action (such as hiring, promotion, salary increase, or performance appraisal) on a sexual favor or relationship; or
- Intentional and undesired physical contact, sexually explicit language or writing, lewd pictures or notes, and other forms of sexually offensive conduct by individuals in positions of authority, co-workers or student peers, that unreasonably interferes with the ability of a person to perform their employment or academic responsibilities.
- Physical acts of a sexual nature, such as:
  - Touching, pinching, patting, kissing, hugging, grabbing, brushing against, or poking another person's body.
  - Rape, sexual battery, molestation or attempts to commit these assaults.
- Unwanted sexual advances or propositions, such as:
  - Requests for sexual favors accompanied by implied or overt threats concerning a target's job performance evaluation, a promotion or other job benefits or detriments, or an educational benefit or detriment;

- Subtle or obvious pressure for unwelcome sexual activities.
- Sexually oriented gestures, noises, remarks, jokes or comments about a person's sexuality or sexual experience, which create a hostile environment.
- Sex stereotyping occurs when conduct or personality traits are considered inappropriate simply because they may not conform to other people's ideas or perceptions about how individuals of a particular sex should act or look.
- Sexual or discriminatory displays or publications, such as:
  - Displaying pictures, posters, calendars, graffiti, objects, promotional material, reading materials or other materials that are sexually demeaning or pornographic. This includes such sexual displays on computers or cell phones and sharing such displays while in the workplace or classroom.
- Hostile actions taken against an individual because of that individual's sex, sexual orientation, selfidentified or perceived sex, gender expression, gender identity, and the status of being transgender, such as:
  - Interfering with, destroying or damaging a person's workstation, tools or equipment, or otherwise interfering with the individual's ability to perform his or her employment or academic duties;
  - Sabotaging an individual's work;
  - Bullying, yelling, name-calling.

Such behavior can constitute sexual harassment regardless of the sex, gender, sexual orientation, selfidentified or perceived sex, gender expression, status of being transgender, or gender identity of any of the persons involved. Sexual harassment is considered a form of employee and student misconduct which may lead to disciplinary action. Further, supervisors and managers will be subject to discipline for failing to report suspected sexual harassment or otherwise knowingly allowing sexual harassment to continue. Employees and students who believe they have been subjected to sexual harassment may use the University's Discrimination and Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for more details on how to have their allegations reviewed, including a link to a complaint form.

Retaliation against a person who files a complaint, serves as a witness, or assists or participates in any manner in this procedure, is unlawful, is strictly prohibited and may result in disciplinary action. Retaliation is an adverse action taken against an individual as a result of complaining about or provides information regarding unlawful discrimination or harassment, exercising a legal right, and/or participating in a complaint investigation as a third-party witness. Adverse action includes being discharged, disciplined, discriminated against, or otherwise subject to adverse action because the individual reports an incident of sexual harassment, provides information, or otherwise assists in any investigation of a sexual harassment complaint. Participants who experience retaliation should contact the campus AAO, and may file a complaint pursuant to these procedures.

SUNY campuses and System Administration shall take the necessary steps to ensure that this Sexual Harassment Response and Prevention Policy Statement is distributed, implemented, and enforced in accordance with their respective policies.



# <u>APPENDIX B</u> <u>Related Policies, References, and Contacts</u>

## **Policies and Documents:**

- <u>Equal Opportunity and Anti-Discrimination Policy</u>
- <u>Anti-Bullying Policy</u>
- Definition of Affirmative Consent
- Options for Confidentially Disclosing Sexual Violence
- Policy for Alcohol and/or Drug Use Amnesty in Sexual and Interpersonal Violence Cases
- <u>Sexual Violence Response Policy</u>
- <u>Whistleblower Policy</u>
- <u>Workplace Violence Prevention Policy</u>
- <u>Annual Security Report</u>
- <u>Anti-Discrimination Grievance Procedure for employees</u>
- <u>Code of Professional Ethics</u>
- <u>College Disciplinary Process vs. Criminal Justice Process</u>
- Faculty Resource Handbook
- <u>Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence Complaint and Grievance Procedure for employees</u>
- <u>Student's Bill of Rights</u>
- <u>Student Code of Conduct</u>
- <u>Student Handbook</u>
- <u>Non-Discrimination Notice</u>
- Notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

# **References:**

- Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.
- Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. § 621 et seq.
- Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.
- Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1694, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq*. (nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin in federally assisted programs)
- Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.* (nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin in employment)
- Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (nondiscrimination based on sex in education programs and activities)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794 (nondiscrimination based on disability)
- Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, Pub. L. 110-233
- NYS Executive Law Article 15 (New York State Human Rights Law)
- NYS Education Law § 313 (nondiscrimination in educational programs)
- NYS Education Law Article 129-A (regulation of conduct on college campuses and college property)
- NYS Education Law Article 129-B (college implementation of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking prevention and response policies and procedures)
- Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978 (amending the Americans with Disabilities Act)

• Equal Pay Act of 1963, Pub. L. 88-38 (codified at 29 U.S.C. § 206(d))

### **Contacts for Making a Complaint:**

- Contact Public Safety at any time by calling (631) 451-4242 or 311 from any College phone.
- In case of an emergency, call 911 to contact local law enforcement.

#### **Civil Rights Compliance Officers (complaints against employees and third parties):**

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#### Associate Deans/Deputy Title IX Coordinators (complaints against students):

Eastern Campus and	Michael J. Grant Campus	Ammerman Campus and
Culinary Arts & Hospitality		Sayville Center
Center	Dr. Meryl S. Rogers	
	Campus Associate Dean of Student	Charles S. Bartolotta
Mary Reese	Services	Campus Associate Dean of
Campus Associate Dean of Student	Deputy Title IX Coordinator	Student Services
Services	Caumsett Hall room 106	Deputy Title IX Coordinator
Deputy Title IX Coordinator	Brentwood, NY 11717	Ammerman Building Room
Peconic Building, Room 228E	rogersm@sunysuffolk.edu	200C
Riverhead, NY 11901	(631) 851-6521	Selden, NY 11784
reesem@sunysuffolk.edu		bartolc@sunysuffolk.edu
(631) 548-2515		(631) 451-4790

**For students:** <u>Options for Confidentially Disclosing Sexual Violence</u> - these on-campus privileged and confidential resources will not report crimes to law enforcement or College officials without your permission, except for extreme circumstances, such as a health and/or safety emergency:

Mental Health Services	Student Health Services
Ammerman Campus (631) 451-4069	Ammerman Campus (631) 451-4047
Eastern Campus (631) 548-2650	Eastern Campus (631) 548-2510
Michael J. Grant Campus (631)-851-6351	Michael J. Grant Campus (631) 851-6709
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- State Police 24-hour hotline to report sexual assault on a New York college campus: 1-844-845-7269
- For state-wide resources available at every SUNY campus including resources for SUNY students travelling abroad or studying overseas, see SUNY's <u>Sexual Assault & Violence</u> <u>Response (SAVR) Resources</u>.

# External Resources:

Employment	Admissions & Education Programs and Activities
New York State Division of Human Rights	Office for Civil Rights – New York
Long Island (Suffolk) Office	U.S. Department of Education
New York State Office Building	32 Old Slip, 26th Floor
250 Veterans Memorial Highway	New York, New York 10005
Suite 2B-49	Tel: (646) 428-3800
Hauppauge, New York 11788	Fax: (646) 428-3843
Tel: (631) 952-6434	TDD: (877) 521-2172
TDD: (718) 741-8300	Email: <u>OCR.NewYork@ed.gov</u>
Email: InfoLongIsland@hdr.ny.gov	Also see the <u>Office for Civil Rights website</u> .
Also see the Division of Human Rights website	
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity	
Commission	
New York District Office	
33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor	
New York, New York 10004	
Tel: (800) 669-4000	
Fax: (212) 336-3790	
TTY: (800) 669-6820	
ASL Video Phone: (844) 234-5122	
Also see the <u>EEOC website</u> .	