Executive Order 1097 Revised March 29, 2019

Alleged Misconduct	Applicable Policy
Complaints of student misconduct are governed by the	following CSU policies.

ADDENDUM TO CSU EXECUTIVE ORDERS 1096, 1097 & 1098 (Revised March 29, 2019)

INVESTIGATION AND HEARI NG PROCESS – FOR STUDENTS ACCUSED OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

- 2. a copy of, or internet link to, the relevant Executive Order, including this Addendum;
- 3. a description of the investigation and resolution procedure (including the right to hearing and appeal);
- 4. the estimated timeline for completion of the investigation;
- 5. a description of the University's policy against Retaliation; and
- 6. information about the Parties' right to an Advisor. The Complainant and Respondent will have e(e)4 (c)4 (ut)-2 (i)-2 (ve)4 (O)2 (r)3 (de)-6 (r)3 (, i)-2 (nc)4 (l)-2 (udi)-2 will

Article VI. Early Resolution³²

If the Title IX Coordinator or either Party believes that it may be possible to resolve the Complaint in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner without a hearing, the Title IX Coordinator may suggest that the Parties consider an Early Resolution subject to the following:

- 1. both Parties must agree to engage in the Early Resolution process;
- 2. any agreed-upon remedies and disciplinary sanctions will have the force and effect of sanctions imposed following a Hearing;
- 3. the terms of any resolution must be memorialized in writing and signed by the Parties and the Title IX Coordinator; and
- 4. the resolution will be final and not appealable by either Party.

The fact that a Hearing Officer has previously served as a Hearing Officer in university proceedings will not constitute a conflict of interest. The Hearing Coordinator will determine if a conflict of interest exists. In that event, the Parties will be notified in writing of the name of the new Hearing Officer. The date for the hearing may need to be rescheduled. Any objection to the new Hearing

No later than **1** Working Day before the hearing, the Hearing Officer will resolve all pending requests regarding participation at the hearing. The Hearing Coordinator will give prompt notice to the Parties (and witnesses) as appropriate.

The hearing is closed to all persons except the Parties; the Parties' respective Advisors; one support person per Party; appropriate witnesses while they are testifying; the Student Conduct Administrator; Title IX Coordinator; Hearing Officer; and Hearing Coordinator. A CSU administrator may also be present, but will not participate in the hearing. Campus police or a security officer may also be present if deemed appropriate or necessary by the Vice President for Student Affairs, Hearing Coordinator or Hearing Officer. The University will take reasonable steps to instruct witnesses employed by the University to attend the hearing, and to arrange for such witnesses to be available to attend, provided that such employee witnesses are timely identified to the Hearing Coordinator in accordance with this Executive Order.

- 4. The University will instruct Student witnesses to attend the hearing, provided that such Student witnesses are timely identified to the Hearing Coordinator in accordance with this Executive Order. Students who fail to comply may be subject to discipline, depending on the circumstances. The University will take reasonable steps to accommodate Student witnesses including arranging for them to be excused from class attendance, if necessary.
- 5. The hearing will commence with an overview of the hearing process given by the Hearing Officer, after which the Parties will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the hearing process. Generally, the Investigator or the Title IX Coordinator (if not the Investigator) will be the first witness and will describe the complaint, investigation process, and summarize the evidence. Each Party will be given an opportunity to make an opening statement that will last no longer than 10 minutes. The Advisor and any support person are not permitted to make the opening statement or speak during the hearing. The

- 9. New evidence not reasonably available at the time of the investigation to the Party seeking to introduce the evidence may be considered in the Hearing Officer's discretion.
- 10. The Hearing Officer will make an official audio recording of the hearing. The recording is University property. No other recording of the hearing is permitted. The audio recording will be retained by the Hearing Coordinator or designee in accordance with the Campus records/information retention and disposition schedule.
- 11. If either Party fails to appear at the hearing without good cause the hearing will nevertheless proceed. Whether good cause exists is determined by the Hearing Officer.
- 12. The Respondent will not be found to have violated University policy solely because the Respondent failed to appear at the hearing. Nor will the Respondent be found not to have violated the University policy solely because a Complainant or other witness failed to appear at the hearing.
- 13. Abusive or otherwise disorderly behavior that causes a material disruption is not tolerated. The Hearing Officer may eject or exclude anyone (including either Party, their advisors, and support persons) whose behavior causes a material disruption.
- 14. The Hearing Officer controls the hearing, is responsible for maintaining order during the hearing, and makes whatever rulings are necessary to ensure a fair hearing. The Hearing Officer's decisions in this regard are final.
- 15. Where there is more than one Respondent or Complainant in connection with a single occurrence or related multiple occurrences, the Hearing Officer and the Parties may agree to a single hearing. A Party may request consolidation with other cases, or the Student

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concerning the appropriate sanction within **10 Working Days** of receipt of the Hearing Officer's Report.

- 1. The president may impose the recommended sanctions, adopt a different sanction or sanctions, or reject sanctions altogether. If the president adopts a sanction other than what is recommended by the Hearing Officer, the president must set forth the reasons in the Decision Letter.
- 2. The president will simultaneously send the Decision Letter electronically to the Respondent and Complainant at the University-assigned or other primary e-mail address linked to their University accounts.³³ The decision will also be sent to the Student

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hearing reopened at the Campus level. Under very limited circumstances, the CO can reverse the Hearing Officer's decision, provided that the factual findings remain intact.

- **G. Reopening a Campus Hearing.** The CO will return the matter to the Campus and will specify in writing the timeline by which a reopened hearing must be completed. The CO will simultaneously notify the Parties of the reopening of the hearing and the timeline for completion of the reopened hearing. The Campus will complete the reopened hearing and provide the CO with an amended Hearing Officer's Report. The Campus will also provide the Parties with amended Notices of Hearing Outcome, and such Notices will provide the Parties the opportunity to appeal any new or amended findings, in accordance with this Executive Order. Upon receipt of the amended hearing report, the CO will contact the appealing party to determine whether that Party wishes to continue with the appeal.
- **H. Reversal by CO.** If the hearing outcome (determination regarding policy violation) is not supported by the facts as determined by the Hearing Officer, the CO may vacate and reverse the Hearing Officer's decision, but only with respect to whether University policy was violated.
- **I.** Timeline. The CO will respond to the appealing Party no later than **30 Working Days** after receipt of the written appeal unless the timeline has been extended as specified in Article V, E. of EO 1096 and EO 1097.
- **J. CO Appeal Response.** The CO Appeal Response will include a summary of the issues raised on appeal, a summary of the evidence considered, the scope of review, and the determination(s) reached regarding the issue(s) identified within the written appeal. A copy of the final CO Appeal Response will be forwarded to the Complainant and Respondent, as well as the Campus Title IX Coordinator. The CO Appeal Response is final and concludes the Complaint and CO review process under this Executive Order.

CSU Student Complaint Procedure Timeline