

## HARASSMENT POLICY

The College will not tolerate harassment of its employees. Any form of harassment related to an employee's race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or disabilities is a violation of this policy and will be treated as a disciplinary matter. For these purposes, the term "harassment" includes, but is not necessarily limited to: slurs, jokes, or other verbal, graphic, or physical conduct relating to an individual's race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, or disability. Harassment will also include unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, graphic, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Violation of this policy by an employee shall subject that employee to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal. If an employee feels that they have been harassed by any other employee or student and vice versa because of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age or disabilities, the employee should immediately report this to his or her immediate supervisor. The supervisor will promptly notify the Human Resource Manager, who will take steps to investigate the matter and where appropriate, and recommend to the President disciplinary action. If the employee does not feel the matter can be discussed with the supervisor, the employee should arrange for a conference with the Human Resource Manager to discuss the complaint. Harassment of employees in connection with their work by nonemployees will also be a violation of this policy. Any employee who becomes aware of any harassment of an employee by a non-employee or non-employee by employee should report such harassment to his or her supervisor or to the Human Resource Manager, who is responsible for investigating all such incidents. Appropriate action will be taken against any nonemployee who violates this policy. All incidents shall be reported to the President.

Consequences for false reporting/accusing an individual of sexual or other forms of harassment will include disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal/termination according to the report/accusation and conclusion. Legal actions will be taken against non-employees.