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7-15 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy

Approval

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Policy Statement

If you are a victim of a sexual harassment or assault at this institution, your first priority should be to get to a place of safety. You should then obtain necessary medical treatment. The College strongly advocates that a victim of sexual harassment or assault report the incident in a timely manner. Time is a critical factor for evidence collection and preservation. An assault should be reported directly to a Law Enforcement Officer and an administrative representative. Filing a police report with local law enforcement will not obligate the victim to prosecute, nor will it subject the victim to scrutiny or judgmental opinions from officers. Filing a police report will:

- Ensure that a victim of sexual assault receives the necessary medical treatment and tests, at no expense to the victim
- Provide the opportunity for collection of evidence helpful in prosecution, which cannot be obtained later (ideally a victim of sexual assault should not wash, douche, use the toilet, or change clothing prior to a medical/legal exam)
- Assure the victim has access to free confidential counseling from counselors specifically trained in the area of sexual assault crisis intervention

The victim of a sexual assault may choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and through the college, or only the latter. Counseling and support services outside the college system can be obtained through the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center at:

355 North Waco Street
Wichita, KS 67202-1120
(316) 263-2044

Information in reference to College disciplinary proceedings is available upon request from the President’s Office. Both the victim and accused will be allowed to have another person of their choosing at any hearings and both parties will be informed of the

outcome of those proceedings. A student found guilty of violating the college sexual misconduct policy could be criminally prosecuted in the state courts and may be suspended or expelled from the college for the first offense.

Annually, the college will offer sexual harassment and assault prevention training for any and all staff and students. The training will be advertised no less than 2 weeks in advance by campus e-mail and fliers.