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Joint Standing Committee Connecticut General Assembly 300 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106-1553

Annual Report to the Joint Standing Committee Regarding Section 10a-55m (f) of the CGS Re:

Enclosed is the 2019 Annual Report to the Joint Standing Committee regarding Section 10a-55m (f) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) for the 2018 Calendar Year. This report presents information about sexual misconduct policies, procedures, and institutional conduct reports at the Rensselaer at Hartford Campus. This report intends to comply with the regulations of Section 10a-55m(f) of the CGS, an Act concerning Sexual Assault, Stalking, and Intimate Partner Violence on Campus, as well as to inform the Joint Standing Committee of the General Assembly of the efforts the Rensselaer at Hartford Campus has taken to combat sexual violence on its campus.

The Rensselaer at Hartford (Connecticut) Campus is the branch campus of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute that offers part-time degree programs in science and engineering to working professionals. These programs, collectively referred to as Advanced Professional Studies (APS), are one of Rensselaer's core enterprises and encompass a range of programs designed specifically for current and future workforce leaders.

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the Office of Financial and Academic Affairs accredits the Rensselaer at Hartford Campus for Higher Education in the State of Connecticut.

Rensselaer at Hartford, a non-residential graduate school for working professionals, employed five (5) faculty and thirteen (13) staff, and enrolled students in 702 credit hours during the 2018 Calendar Year.

The Report contains the following sections:

- 1. Student Sexual Misconduct Policy (rev. August 2018);
- 2. Human Resources Policy Section 600, Non-Discrimination, Non-Retaliation, Equal Employment Opportunity (rev. October 2018):
- 3. Student Sexual Misconduct Bill of Rights/Student Rights when Filing a Sexual Misconduct Report;
- 4. Student Sexual Misconduct Confidential Care and Support Services;
- 5. Memorandum of Understanding with Community Agencies;
- 6. Sexual Misconduct Education and Awareness Programs;
- 7. Number of Sexual Misconduct Incidents Reported;
- 8. Number of Sexual Misconduct Incidents Reported Anonymously; and
- 9. Number of Sexual Misconduct Disciplinary Cases and their outcome.

Rensselaer at Hartford is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy learning, living, and working environment in which no member of the Rensselaer community is, on the basis of sex/gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any Institute program or activity. Rensselaer at Hartford will review its Sexual Harassment and Sexual Misconduct Policies and Programs annually to ensure compliance with State and Federal Jaws and to endeavor to achieve best practices in higher education.

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The Student Sexual Misconduct Policy of Rensselaer revised in August 2018 and the Human Resources Policies for Sex/Gender Discrimination and Sexual Harassment, revised in October 2018, reflect best practices, community feedback, and changes in Federal and State laws. These policies detail the procedures that students, faculty and staff of the Institute can use to report incidents of sexual misconduct (i.e., sexual assault, stalking, or intimate partner violence) or sexual harassment. These policies also provide University members with information regarding whom they may report or disclose an incident to, as well as information about care and support services. In addition, these Policies delineate the options a reporting party, or an individual who alleges to be a victim of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment, may take with regard to filing a criminal complaint, an institutional complaint, or a confidential report. Furthermore, the Policies provide information regarding informal resolutions and interim measures and accommodations that are available to members of the Rensselaer community.

6. <u>Sexual Misconduct Education and Awareness Programs</u>

Type of Programs	Number		
Presentations to Employees and Students	0		
Orientation Programs	0		
Speakers	1		
Professional Faculty and Staff Trainings	1		
Passive Programs	1 (Inside Rensselaer Article)		
E-learning for Faculty and Staff	1		
Workshops	0		
Film Screenings	0		

Types of Misconduct prevention and awareness campaigns held by Rensselaer at Hartford include website rollout, community outreach, and passive programs.

7. Number of Sexual Misconduct Incidents Reported

Туре	Total Number	Students	Non-Students
Sexual Assault	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0
Intimate Partner Violence	0	0	0

8. Number of Sexual Misconduct Incidents Reported Anonymously

Туре	Total Number	Students	Non-Students
Sexual Assault	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0
Intimate Partner Violence	0	0	0

9A. Number of Sexual Misconduct Disciplinary Cases

Туре	Disciplinary Cases		
Sexual Assault	0		
Stalking	0		
Intimate Partner Violence	0		

9B. Final Outcome of Sexual Misconduct Disciplinary Cases

Туре	Policy Violation	No Policy Violation	Disciplinary Probation	Suspension	Expulsion	Other
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Intimate Partner Violence	0	0	0	0	0	0