

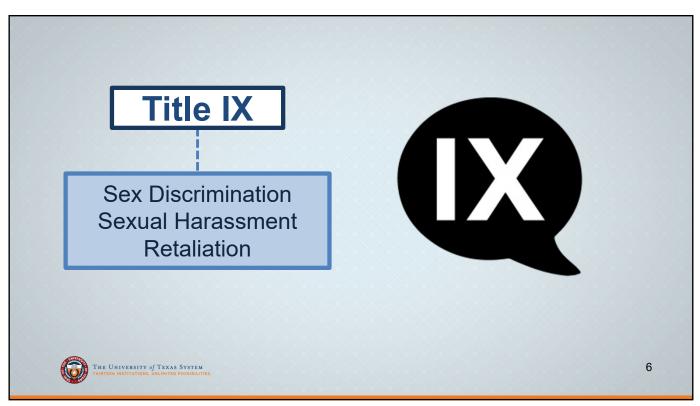
"Education program or activity" under Title IX

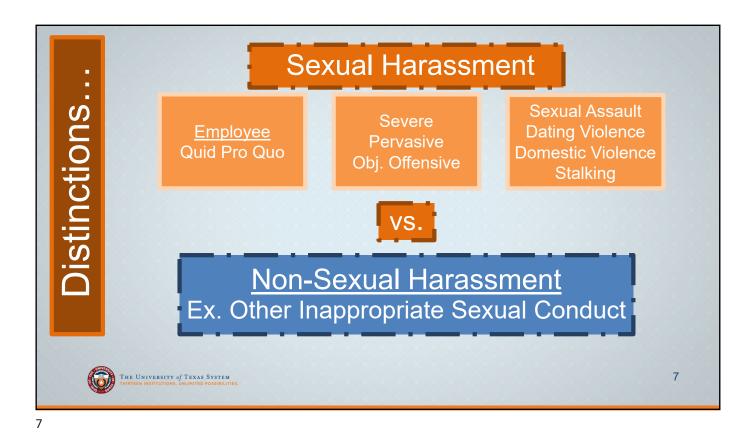
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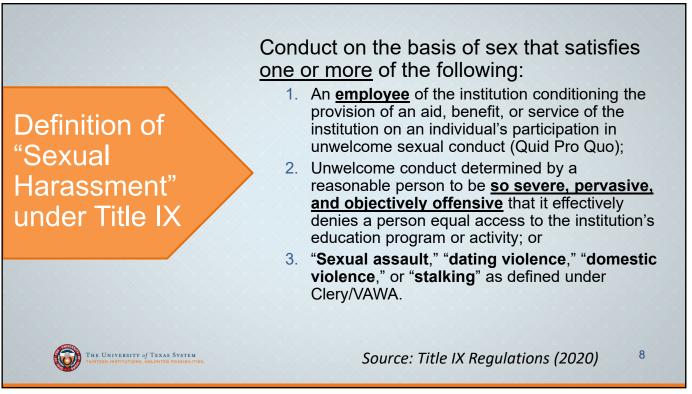
Includes <u>locations</u>, <u>events</u>, <u>or</u> <u>circumstances</u> over which the institution exercises **substantial control** over both the respondent and the context in which the alleged sexual harassment occurs, and also includes <u>any building owned or</u> <u>controlled by a student organization</u> that is officially recognized by the institution.

 Example of a "building owned or controlled by a student organization": Fraternity or sorority house that is occupied by students of the organization, and the student organization is a recognized organization with the institution.

Source: Title IX Regulations (2020)









#2 Element Examples

- **"Severe":** Physically threatening or humiliating; effects of the alleged conduct to a reasonable person (using a "reasonable person" standard)
- "Pervasive": Frequency, duration of the alleged conduct
- "Objectively offensive": To a reasonable person (using a "reasonable person" standard)
- **"Reasonable person" standard**: An <u>objective test</u> to denote a hypothetical person who exercises average care, skill, and judgment in conduct <u>under similar</u> <u>circumstances</u> as a comparative standard.
- "Effectively denies...equal access": Totality of the circumstances

For example, the degree of the alleged conduct's interference with the CP or effects in an educational setting, type of alleged conduct, frequency and duration of the conduct, knowingly unwelcome in₉ nature

Definition of "Other Inappropriate Sexual Conduct" Conduct on the basis of sex that does not meet the definition of "sexual harassment" (under the Model Policy), but is prohibited inappropriate or unprofessional sexual conduct.

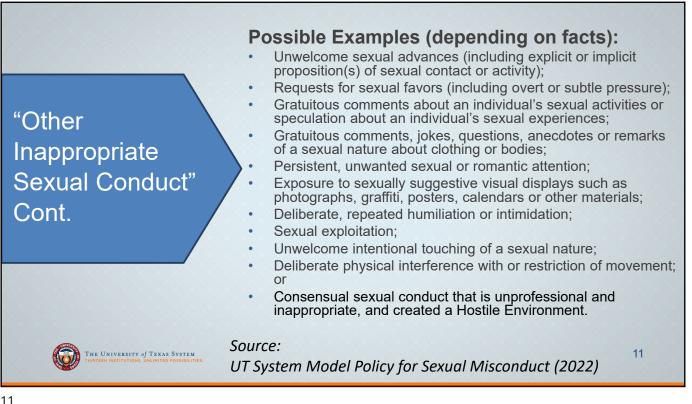
Such conduct is:

- Verbal conduct (including through electronic means), unwanted statements of a sexual nature intentionally stated to a person or group of people, that are objectively offensive to a reasonable person and also so <u>severe or pervasive</u> that it created a Hostile Environment.
- Physical conduct that is objectively offensive to a reasonable person and also so <u>severe or</u> <u>pervasive</u> that it created a Hostile Environment.

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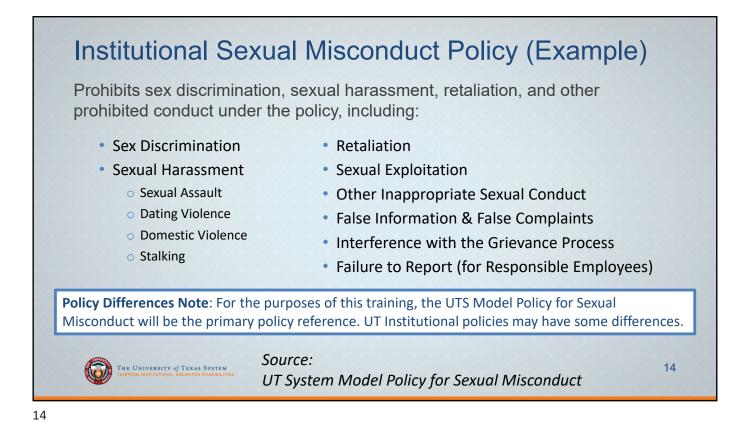
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Examples of Protected Speech under Title IX

- Asking witnesses about what they remember seeing or hearing regarding the alleged incident in question.
- Asking witnesses to **participate** in the University's grievance process.
- Posting on social media about one's opinions or personal experiences of sexual harassment, the University's grievance process, or how the University handles sexual misconduct matters.
- Telling others that they are **accused** of sexual harassment, or a **victim/survivor** of sexual harassment; and they are currently going though the University's grievance process.









Retaliation Prohibited under Title IX

No institution or other person may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any individual for the purpose of *interfering with* any right or privilege secured by Title IX; or *because* an individual has made a report or formal complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing.

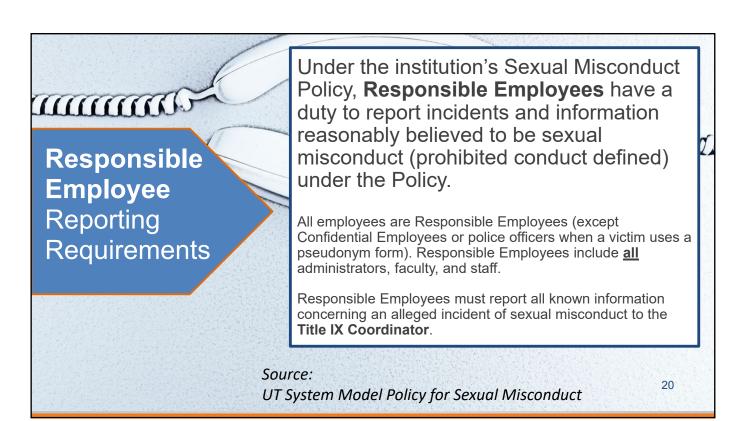


Any **adverse action** (including, but is not limited to, intimidation, threats, coercion, harassment, or discrimination) taken against someone <u>because</u> the individual has made a report or filed a Formal Complaint; or who has supported or provided information in connection with a report or a Formal Complaint; participated or refused to participate in a Grievance Process under this Policy; or engaged in other legally protected activities.

Note: Any person who retaliates against (a) anyone filing a report of Sexual Misconduct or Formal Complaint, (b) the parties or any other participants (including any witnesses or any University employee) in a Grievance Process relating to a Formal Complaint, (c) any person who refuses to participate in a Grievance Process, or (d) any person who under this Policy opposed any unlawful practice, is <u>subject to disciplinary action</u> up to and including dismissal or separation from the University.

Source: UT System Model Policy for Sexual Misconduct

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Definition of "Failure to Report" for **Responsible Employees**

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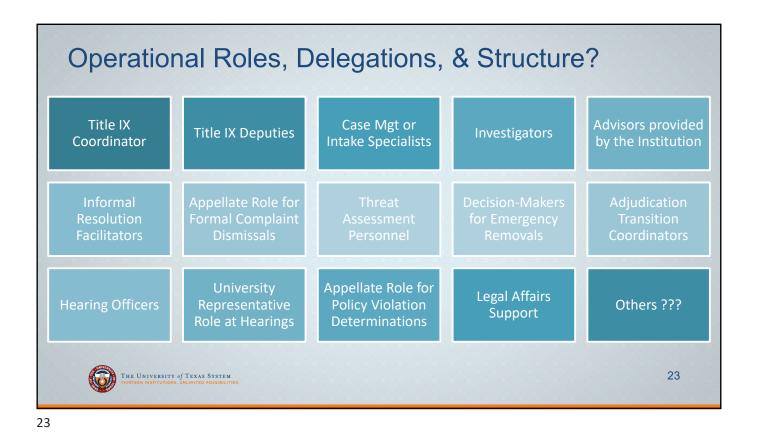
If a Responsible Employee <u>knowingly</u> fails to report all information concerning an incident the employee reasonably believes constitutes Sexual Misconduct (including stalking, dating violence, sexual assault, or sexual harassment) committed by or against a student or employee at the time of the incident, the <u>employee is subject to</u> disciplinary action, including termination.

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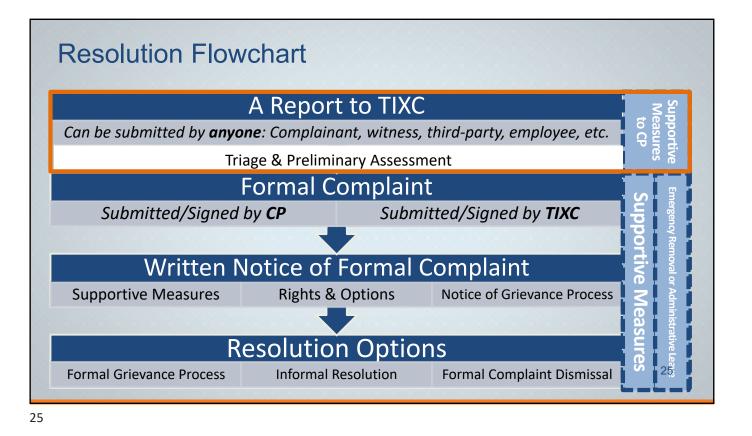
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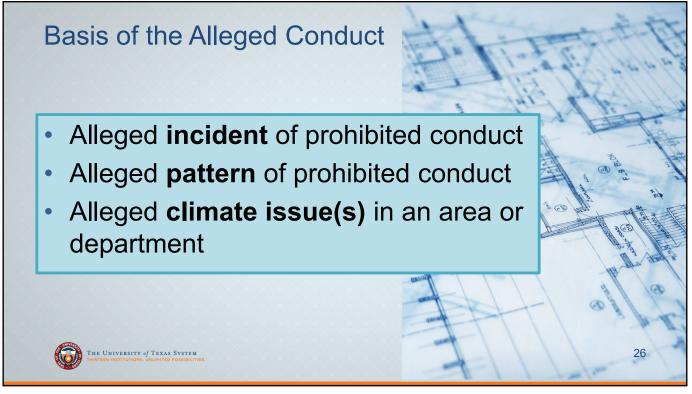
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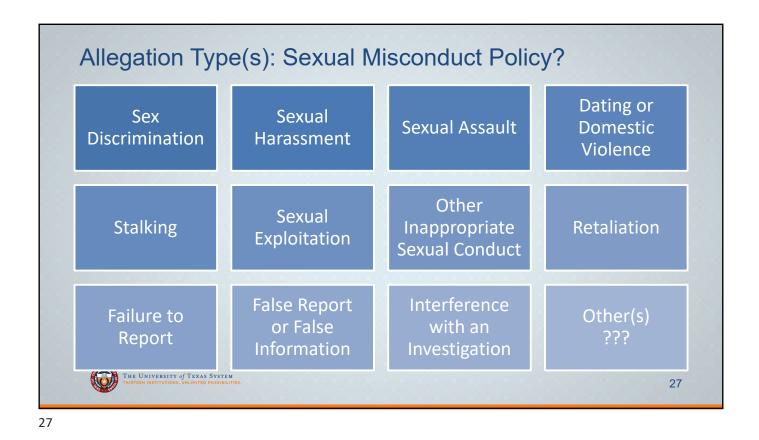


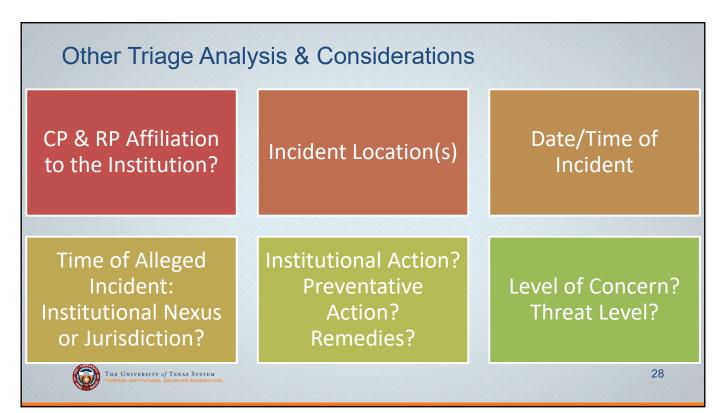












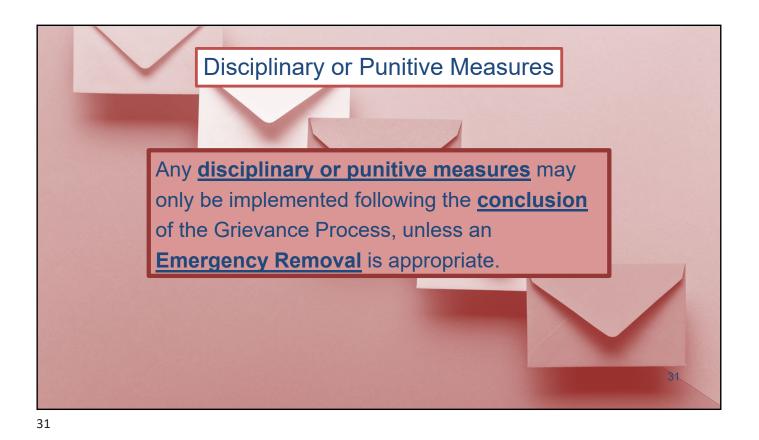
A **Report** to the Title IX Coordinator (TIXC)

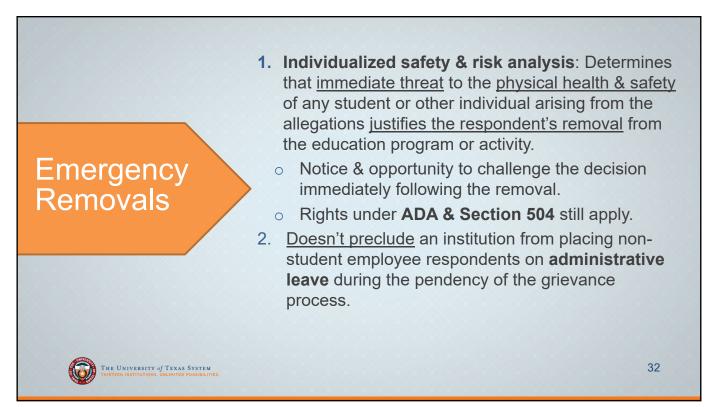
TIXC must promptly contact the **complainant** to discuss the availability of <u>supportive measures</u> (with or without a formal complaint), consider the <u>wishes of the complainant</u>, and explain the process for <u>filing a formal complaint</u>.



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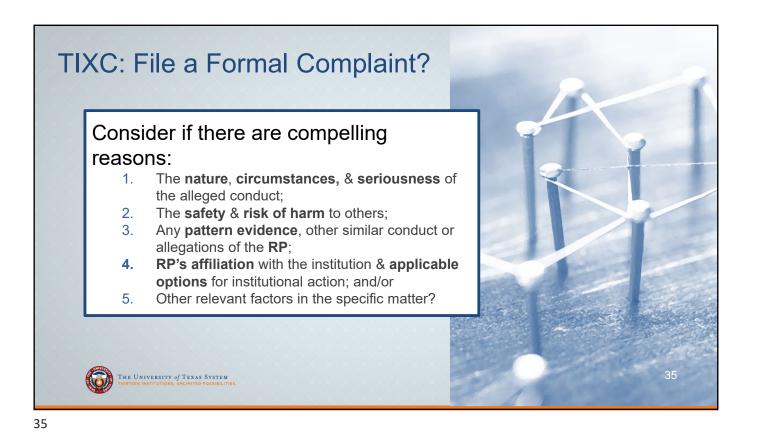
Examples of Supportive Measures Non-Disciplinary Counseling **Class Extensions** Housing & Non-Punitive Reassignment Services or Adjustments Measures... that do not Class Withdrawal unreasonably Work or Class or Retake (w/o **Modifications** burden the other academic penalty) party CINE TA **No-Contact** L. h



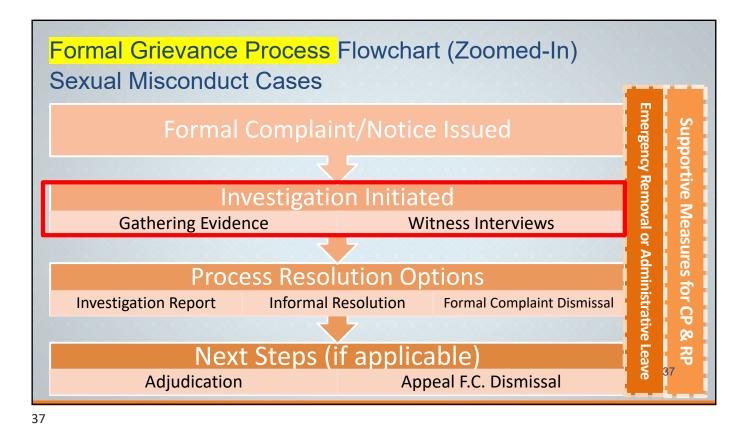


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Type of Concern	Possible Action		
Non-emergency behavioral or wellness issues(s)	Refer to Behavior Intervention Team (BIT) or campus equivalent		
Immediate safety concerns (emergencies) or welfare check required	Report immediately to 911		
Clery reportable crimes that meet Clery geography requirements and/or timely warning requirements	<u>Timely Warnings</u> : Report immediately to campus law enforcement <u>Clery Crime Reporting</u> : Report to the campus Clery Manager		
Alleged abuse and/or neglect of minors	Report immediately to Dept. of Family & Protective Services (DFPS): 800-252-5400		
Alleged conduct could violate other institutional policies	Refer to the appropriate office(s) who oversees the applicable policies		

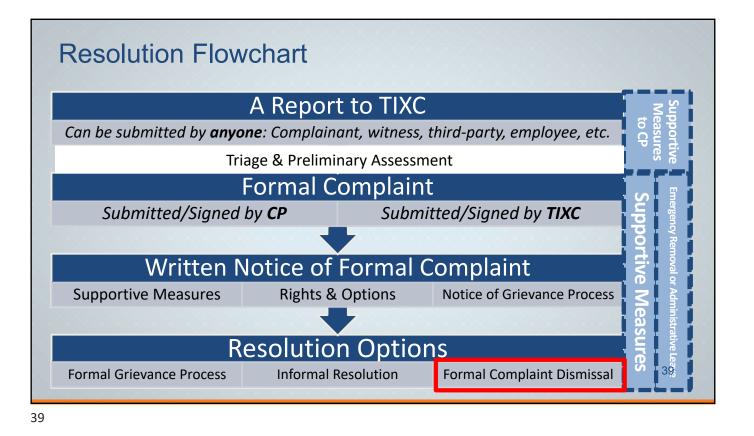
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Resolution Flowchart A Report to TIXC Can be submitted by **anyone**: Complainant, witness, third-party, employee, etc. **Triage & Preliminary Assessment Formal Complaint** Submitted/Signed by CP Submitted/Signed by TIXC Written Notice of Formal Complaint **Rights & Options** Supportive Measures Notice of Grievance Process **Resolution Options Formal Grievance Process** Informal Resolution Formal Complaint Dismissal 36

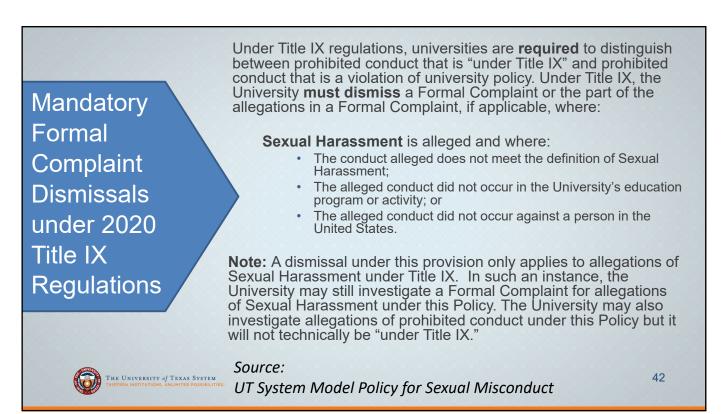






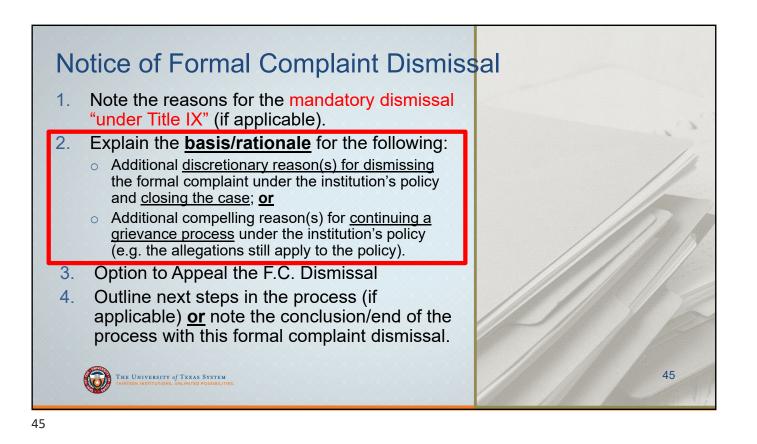


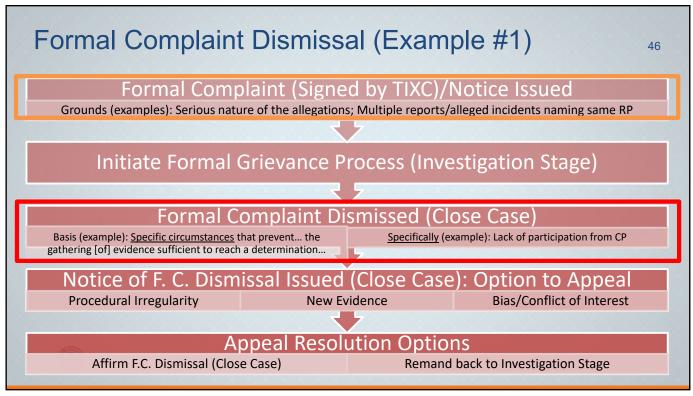


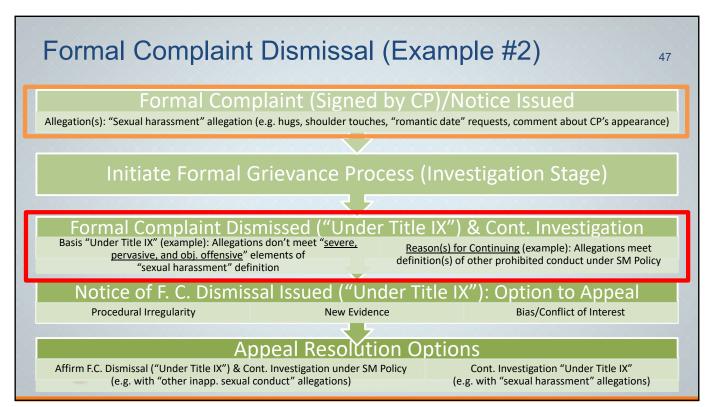


If Mandatory Dismissal is required, then are additional **discretionary reasons** for a dismissal applicable to the specific circumstances? CP expressly prefers to dismiss the formal 0 complaint or requests to not investigate the matter. Additional RP was an employee and is no longer 0 Considerations employed by the institution at the time the formal complaint is filed. Any **specific circumstances** that prevent the 0 institution from gathering evidence sufficient to reach a determination as to the formal complaint or allegations. The conduct alleged does not meet the 0 definition of **any** prohibited conduct under the institution's Sexual Misconduct Policy. 43 THE UNIVERSITY of TEXAS SYSTEM 43

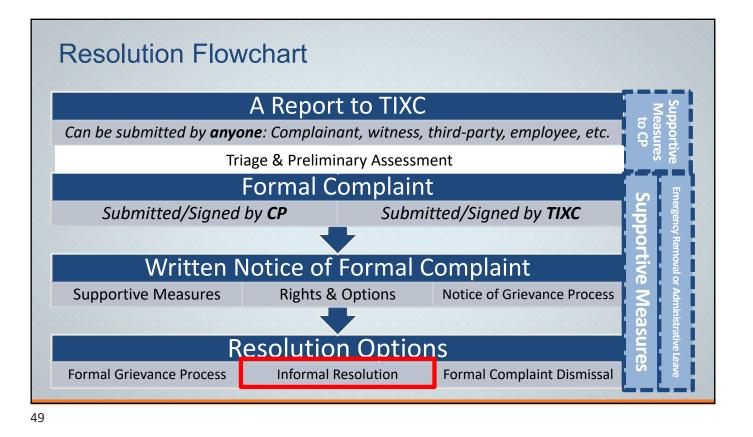


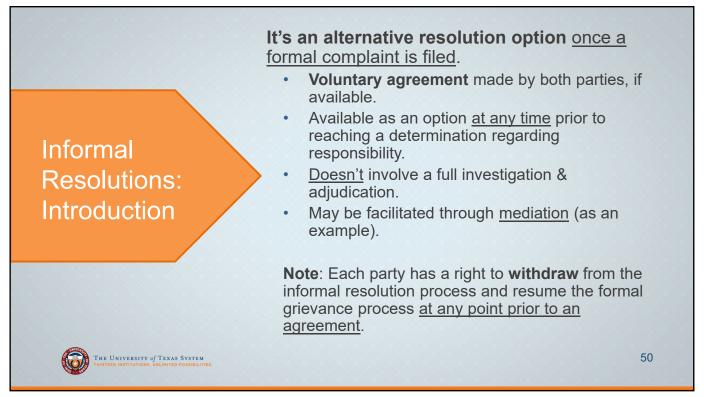




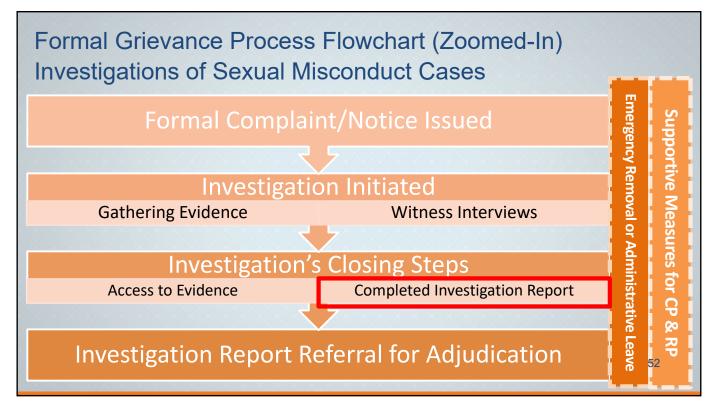


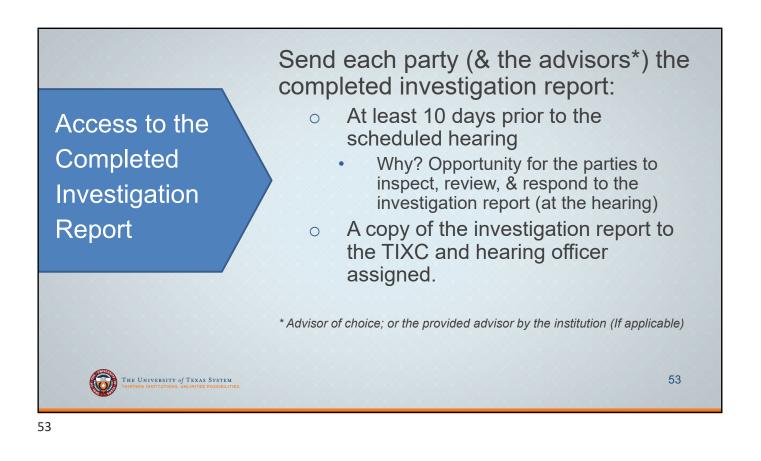


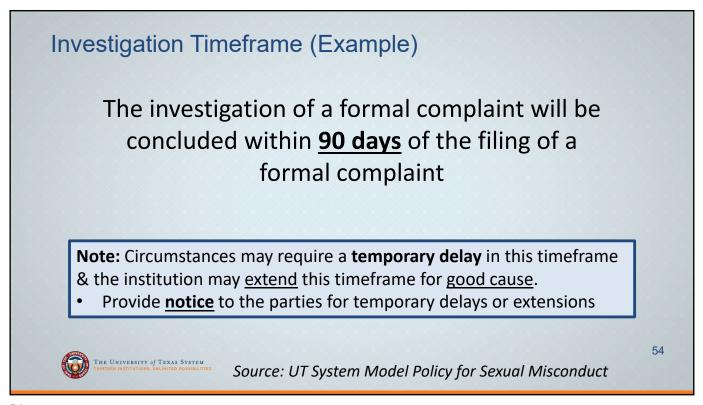


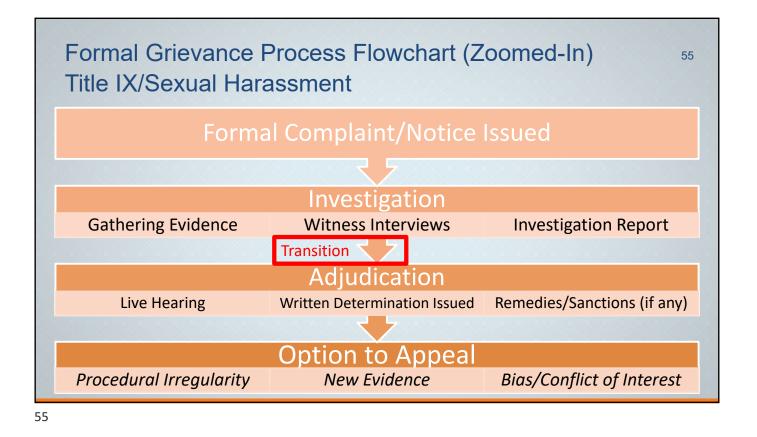


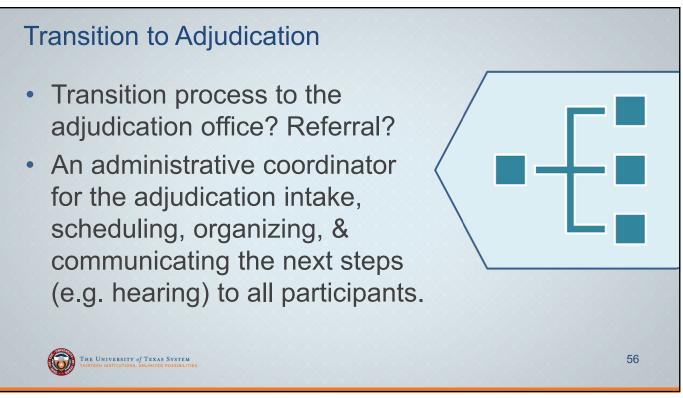






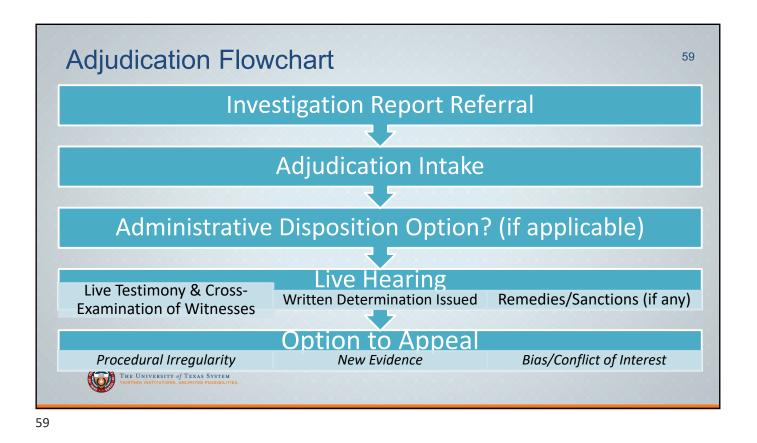


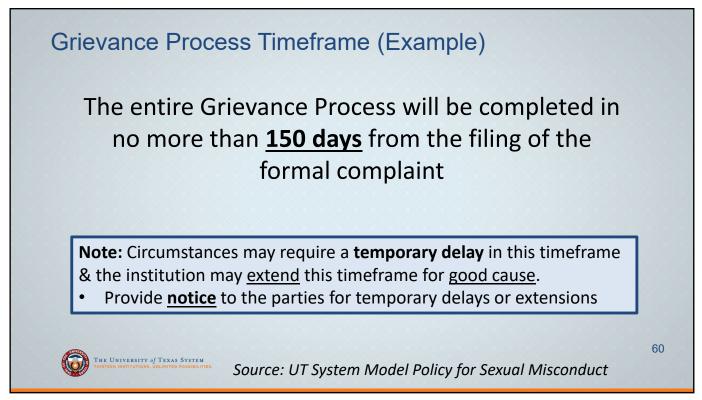




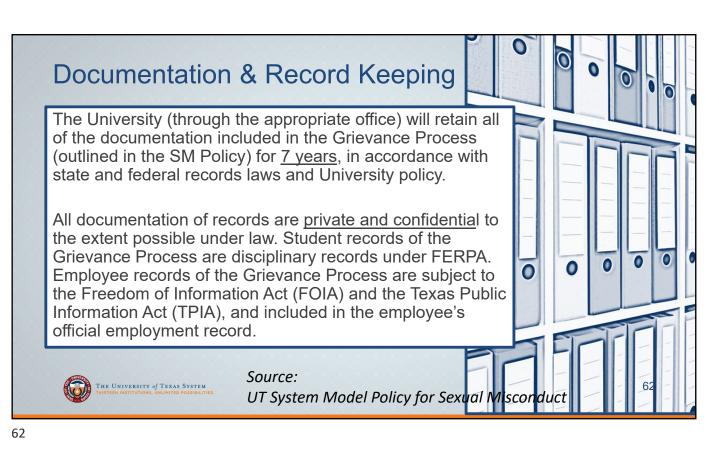
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	Referral Type (RP)	Adjudication Office (Examples)
	Student	Student Conduct
	Faculty	Provost
	Staff	Human Resources
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