

Grievance Process

If a student's complaint cannot be resolved in the manner described above, such an unresolved complaint shall be termed a "grievance." A student who submits a complaint to the appropriate college official or representative in the manner described above and who is not informed of a satisfactory resolution or plan of resolution of the complaint within fourteen business days after the complaint's submission shall have the right to file, within the following ten business days, with the Vice President for Students a written statement detailing the grievance. The written grievance statement shall be filed using Grievance Form A, which will be provided by the Vice President for Students and shall include the following information:

1. Date the original complaint was reported;
2. Name of person to whom the original complaint was reported;
3. Facts of the complaint; and,
4. Action taken, if any, by the receiving official to resolve the complaint.

The grievance statement shall also contain any other information relevant to the grievance that the Grievant wants to be considered by the Vice President for Students. If the grievance involves a claim of discrimination based on sex, race, national origin, religion, age, handicap, or disability, the complaining party should state with particularity the nature of the discrimination and reference any statute, regulation, or policy that the Grievant believes to have been violated. The Grievant shall file any grievance involving alleged discrimination within forty-five calendar days of the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory act or the date on which the Grievant became aware that the alleged discriminatory act took place. This deadline shall be in addition to all other applicable reporting deadlines. The College shall have thirty (30) calendar days from the date of receipt by the Vice President for Students and Title IX Officer of the grievance to conduct an investigation of the allegation(s), hold a hearing (if requested) on the grievance, and submit a written report to the Grievant of the findings arising from the hearing. Grievance Form A shall be used to report both the grievance and the hearing findings.