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August 8, 2017

President Steven Knapp
The George Washington University
2121 I Street, NW
Suite 801
Washington, DC 20052

Re: OCR Complaint No. 11-17-2032
Notification/Data Request Letter

Dear President Knapp:

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the U.S. Department of Education (the Department) received a complaint on (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) against The George Washington University (the University). The Complainant filed the complaint on behalf of a student (the Student) and alleges that the University discriminates on the basis of sex. The Complainant alleges the University failed to promptly and equitably respond to the Student's complaint of sexual assault against a male student (the respondent) and subsequent retaliatory harassment by the respondent (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) from (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) and, as a result, the Student was subjected to a sexually hostile environment during the (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) academic years.

OCR will contact the University to provide the name of the Complainant and Student.

OCR enforces Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment, in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department. Because the University receives Federal financial assistance from the Department, OCR has jurisdiction over it pursuant to Title IX.

Because OCR determined that it has jurisdiction and that the complaint was timely filed, OCR is opening the complaint for investigation. Please note that opening the complaint for investigation in no way implies that OCR has made a determination on the merits of the complaint. During the investigation, OCR is a neutral fact-finder, collecting and analyzing relevant evidence from the Complainant, the University, and other sources, as appropriate. OCR will ensure that its investigation is legally sufficient and fully responds to the allegation in accordance with the provisions of the *Case Processing Manual*, available at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr/docs/ocrepm.pdf>. Our goal is the prompt, appropriate resolution of the complaint. Information on OCR's complaint processing procedures is available at <http://www.ed.gov/ocr/complaints-how.html>.

The Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access.

Attached is a request for data necessary to investigate this complaint. OCR requests that the University submit this information within 30 calendar days of the date of this letter (i.e., by September 7, 2017). We prefer that you submit information electronically, if feasible. If any item in our request is unclear, or if you experience any difficulty complying with this request, please contact us as provided below prior to the expiration of the 30-day period. Please be aware that OCR anticipates conducting an on-site investigation of the complaint. We will notify you in advance of our proposed plans to visit the University.

Please be advised that the University must not harass, coerce, intimidate, discriminate, or otherwise retaliate against an individual because that individual asserts a right or privilege under a law enforced by OCR or files a complaint, testifies, or participates in an OCR proceeding. If this happens, the individual may file a retaliation complaint with OCR.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, it may be necessary to release this document and related correspondence and records upon request. If OCR receives such a request, we will seek to protect personally identifiable information that could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if released, to the extent provided by law.

We look forward to your cooperation during the resolution of this complaint. If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Love, the OCR attorney assigned to this complaint, at 202-453-6948 or Kathryne.Love@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Letisha Morgan', is written over the typed name.

Letisha Morgan
Team Leader
District of Columbia Office
Office for Civil Rights

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