

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS SEATTLE OFFICE

June 11, 2013

Dr. Thomas Apple Chancellor University of Hawaii at Manoa 2500 Campus Road Honolulu, Hawaii 96822

Re:

University of Hawaii at Manoa OCR Reference No. 10136001

Dear Dr. Apple:

By letter dated May 28, 2013, Acting Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Seth Galanter of the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) notified the University of Hawaii at Manoa (university) that OCR was initiating a proactive review to evaluate the university's compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq., and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106, with respect to sexual harassment¹.

Specifically, the compliance review will examine whether the university has responded effectively to notice of possible sexual harassment and violence, including by examining the university's handling of complaints of sexual assault and other sexual harassment under its various procedures and its coordination with local law enforcement authorities; whether the university has adopted, published and implemented grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging sexual harassment and sexual violence; and whether the university has properly designated a Title IX Coordinator and provided notice of that designation.

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¹ Throughout this data request, the term "sexual harassment" is intended to include claims of sexual assault and acts of sexual violence, such as rape, gross sexual imposition, etc.

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OCR is committed to prompt and effective service. If you have any questions, you may contact me by telephone at (206) 607-1633, or by e-mail at shirley.oliver@ed.gov.

Sincerely,

Shirley Oliver

Senior Equal Opportunity Specialist

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