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President Peter H. Tsaffaras  
Quincy College  
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Re: Complaint No. 01-12-2048

Dear President Tsaffaras:

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is closing the investigative phase of the above-referenced complaint filed against Quincy College (College). The Complainant alleged the College failed to appropriately respond to a Student's report of a sexual assault in the spring semester of 2011. Specifically, while the College removed the accused perpetrator from campus immediately, the Complainant alleged that the College failed to consider appropriate interim measures and remedies for the Student that would allow her to feel safe in continuing to access her education at the College. The Complainant further alleged that the College did not have a functioning Title IX Coordinator or adequate grievance procedure for addressing complaints of sex discrimination, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and its implementing regulation at 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (Title IX).

As part of its investigation, OCR reviewed documentation from the College, reviewed relevant policies, and interviewed several staff members involved with the events at issue. Before OCR made any final determinations, the College expressed an interest in resolving the complaint, agreeing to take the actions set forth in the enclosed Agreement.

The Agreement is aligned with the complaint allegation and the information OCR had obtained when the College proposed to resolve the complaint. Moreover, the Agreement is consistent with the requirements of Title IX. Accordingly, we are closing the investigative phase of the complaint as of the date of this letter and, consistent with our usual practice, will monitor the College's implementation of the Agreement. The matters addressed in this letter are not intended and should not be construed to cover any other issues regarding the College's compliance with Title IX or any other laws enforced by OCR that may exist but are not discussed here.

If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter, please contact Civil Rights Investigator Molly O'Halloran at (617) 289-0058 or Molly.O'Halloran@ed.gov or Civil Rights Attorney Phil Catanzano at (617) 289-0038 or Philip.Catanzano@ed.gov. You may also contact me at (617) 289-0111.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Hibino  
Regional Director

Enclosure

cc: Mary Jo Reedy, Esq. (by electronic mail)