# Supervisor Summit

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# Agenda



Reviewing The Way We Lead



Knowing your resources



Responding productively to complaints

# **Chat Activity**

Introduce yourself:

- Your name
- OPosition on campus
- O Number of years at SLCC

# Engaging in today's conversation...



Listen actively



Pause



Reflect on your actions/reactions



Engage to your comfort level



Leave space for everyone



Vault – as leaders, we talk with each other, not about each other



Not your story to tell

#### Engaging in today's conversation online...







TURN OFF YOUR EMAIL AND PHONE NOTIFICATIONS TO AVOID DISTRACTIONS.

BE CAMERA READY ESP IN BREAKOUTS!

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE NOTES.

# Mission Vision

**SLCC VISION** 

**SLCC MISSION** 

#### Values







Community



Inclusivity



Learning



Innovation



Integrity



Trust

What is PWC and who do I talk to?

Employee Relations

EEO/Title IX

Staff/Faculty Development

Human Resources

#### Role of a Supervisor

Practicing The Way We Lead

Creating a team culture

Understanding your role and your team members'

Supervising people

Knowing policies and procedures

Establish rapport with your team

Address Concerns

Documenting

## The Way We Lead



#1: Stand for Something Real



#2: Make it Meaningful



#3: Act Justly and Inclusively



#4: Build on People's Strengths and Interests



5: Practice Radically Compassionate Honesty



#6: Simplify the Rules

# What is an issue and when does it become a formal complaint?

Talking over Gossiping Teasing Microaggression others Unethical Victim of Favoritism Concern Behavior injustice Oppression or Sexual discrimination, or Physical violence Harassment or Harassment denied your Assault rights

# How is a Complaint Classified?

Meeting with EEO, ER, Dean of Student & AAG, (others as needed by nature of complaint)

#### Where do you go?

You receive notice from Employee Relations that a hate bias report has been submitted by a student claiming that one of your employees continues to misgender the student even after multiple conversations with appropriate gender pronouns.

Why don't leaders address concerns on their teams?

A- It isn't that big of a problem, they don't need to act right now.

B- They think the person in question is a nice person and they don't meant harm.

C- They don't know what to do.

D- They don't want to make things worse.



#### Corrective Action Process

**Level 1-** Informal action that addresses minor employee concerns in an attempt to correct the behavior before it becomes more problematic. Verbal Warning with follow up email, Memo of Expectation

**Level 2-** Action that addresses employee concerns that are reoccurring, disruptive and/or unacceptable. Written Warning Letter, Final Written Warning Letter

**Level 3-** Action that addresses concerns that are severe and/or pervasive and that have had a significantly negative impact. Demotion, Reduction in Pay, Termination



### **Employee Conduct Policy**

This policy applies to all college employees, faculty, staff, and administrators. Full-time faculty members are also bound by parameters set forth in the Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, and Tenure Policy which supersedes this policy.

## **Employee Conduct**

Personal Accountability Standards of Conduct

Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use

Criminal Misappropriation

Criminal Offense Reporting

Romantic and Sexual Relations

Lewdness and Pornography

Sexual or Gender-based Misconduct Respectful and Ethical Conduct

Workplace Bullying

Private Information

#### **Employee Conduct**

Improper Use of Staff, Communication Institutional Credit Conflict of **Expense Claims** Student, Facilities, Interest Systems Card Equipment and Supplies Liability for Political Purchase from or Gifts Misuse of Position **Property Loss** Involvement by Employees Recording Employee Software Vehicles Communications & Meetings

#### How Do You Respond?

OA remote or hybrid employee has refused to upload, and consistency stay logged into Jabber during their work shifts off campus.

OAn employee regularly misses due dates on projects and doesn't keep work in the designated shared drives or Teams portal.

#### How Do You Respond?

• An employee often takes off vacation time without prior approval. They "remind" their supervisor the day of or after they have taken the time.

OTwo part-time employees start dating after working together for a few years. You find out from other employees in your office.

## Best Practices in Responding

- Address the behavior when it is first presented.
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- Relate back to policies being violated.
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- When in doubt reach out to Employee Relations
- O Determine appropriate level of corrective action.

#### Take Away/Resources

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    - O Login into <u>www.IBHSolutions.com</u>
    - Click on Members, in the upper righthand corner
    - O Click on the RBH logo
    - Enter access code: saltlakecommunitycollege
    - O Click on Personal Advantage
  - LinkedIn Learning
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# Workplace Bullying

Intimidating behavior that belittles, manipulates, humiliates, or threatens an employee or group of employees with the intent to cause harm. Workplace bullying may occur on a regular basis or a one-time basis that is severe in nature. Workplace bullying can occur when there is a perceived or actual power differential both internally and externally to an employee's department.

Workplace bullying may occur through direct contact or through email, social media, texting, and other electronic mediums.

#### What is Workplace Bullying?

Workplace bullying behaviors include but are not limited to the following:

- OIntentional interference with work product/flow
- OBelligerent communication such as yelling or name calling
- ORegular condescending or belittling communication with the intent to intimidate
- ONon-Violent Work-Related Threats-threatening to take unwarranted action as a consequence to a behavior or action
- ORegular unfounded or overly harsh criticism
- OIntimidating non-verbal gestures or actions such as pounding a desk or pointing a finger in someone's face
- ODeliberately excluding someone from pertinent information or events
- ONon-discriminatory harassment—harassing behaviors not based on a protected class
- OAssault--the threat or use of physical abuse (Contact Department of Public Safety)
- O Violation of College regulations relating to fair employment practices, including but not limited to, regulations prohibiting discrimination or harassment because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or other legally impermissible behavior (Contact the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity)

## What is NOT Workplace Bullying?

Behaviors that are not workplace bullying include but are not limited to the following:

- OThe sharing of developmental, critical, performance-related feedback
- OThe occasional disagreement or conflict over workplace concerns
- ODifferences in management/work style
- Communication challenges created by personality differences
- OProfessional disagreements over work processes
- OSupervisors managing their area in a manner that is in line with College policies and goals

If the above behaviors include elements that are on the previous slide, they would then be considered workplace bully.

#### Process







REVIEW



MEDIATION



INVESTIGATION



APPEAL

#### Activity- How Do You Respond?

You have a member on your team who is deliberately not inviting a team member to meetings and leaving them off update emails on a project that they should be involved with. When they are communicating about the project, they are giving false information

#### Activity- How Would You Respond?

An employee is sending emails to team members that include overt or veiled threat that are fear-inducing to those receiving the communication. These communication includes name calling, specific sections in all caps.

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- More information can be found by going to this link: <a href="http://i.slcc.edu/employee-relations/docs/workplace-bullying-avoidance.pdf">http://i.slcc.edu/employee-relations/docs/workplace-bullying-avoidance.pdf</a>



#### **Anti-Discrimination**

Salt Lake Community College is committed to advancing knowledge, freedom of thought and inquiry, and the personal, social, and intellectual development of its students, faculty, and staff. An atmosphere of mutual respect among our community members is necessary for the college to function as a center of academic freedom and intellectual advancement. It is SLCC's policy to provide all personnel with a respectful work environment free from discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

#### What is harassment?

- Member of a protected class;
- Unwelcome conduct based on the person's protected class; and
- Conduct results in a hostile environment.
- o Quid pro quo

#### **Unwelcome Conduct**

#### Hostile work environment

- Unwelcome conduct
- Determined by a reasonable person
- To be severe, pervasive and/or objectively offensive
- That it alters the conditions of employment or effectively denies a student equal access to SLCC's education program or activity

#### Quid pro quo

- A college employee
- Conditions the provision of a college aid, benefit or service
- On a person's participation in unwelcome conduct

#### **Protected Classes**

- OAge (if over 40)
- OColor
- ODisability
- OGenetic Information
- ONational Origin
- ORace
- OReligion

- Sexual Orientation
- OVeteran's Status
- OGender Expression and/or Gender Identity
- OSex/Gender(includes Sexual Harassment and Pregnancy)

## Examples

- Refusing to use someone's preferred pronouns
- Not hiring or promoting someone based on a protected class
- Not accommodating requests from a pregnant or disabled individual
- Paying someone with similar qualifications or the same type of position differently based on a protected class
- Giving someone a different work assignment based on a protected class
- Not choosing someone for a professional development opportunity based on a protected class
- Holding someone to a different standard or evaluating them differently based on a protected class
- Making stereotypical or derogatory comments based on a protected class

# Reporting vs Investigation







"I REPORTED AND NOTHING HAPPENED."

WHAT DO SUPERVISORS DO AFTER SOMETHING IS REPORTED TO EEO.

IMPACT VS INTENT OF ACTIONS

### Scenario

You are a supervisor of Fred, who supervises others. Fred tells you about 2 direct reports who are engaging in sexually harassing behavior.

### Scenario

One uses "vulgar language" and "picks on" other employees.

The other talks about their sex life and makes frequent comments about how attractive other co-workers are.

Their supervisor "isn't interested in dealing with it, even though it is causing problems in the workplace.

You know both of them and don't think that they would do stuff like that.

## Policy

- O"Supervisors must ensure and maintain a working environment free of intimidation, coercion, sexual harassment, and retaliation."
  - OPrompt and reasonable action must happen to stop harassment
  - OSupervisor's opinion or desire to address the matter is not a consideration

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### Retaliation

- Retaliation is any adverse employment action an employer takes against the complaining employee because he or she complained. The U.S. Supreme Court has declared that any negative act towards the complaining employee can constitute retaliation if that action would be enough to dissuade a reasonable employee from making a complaint under similar circumstances.
- Examples of retaliation
  - Terminating or demoting the employee,
  - Changing his or her job duties or work schedule,
  - Transferring the employee to another position or location,
  - Reducing his or her salary, and
  - Denying the employee a promotion or pay raise.

### Scenario

An employee has been coming late, leaving early, taking long breaks and spending a lot of time on their phone. After this has occurred for several months and you have talked to them about it several times, they file a complaint with the EO office. Can you take disciplinary action against them?

### Outcome

Yes. Retaliation is only unlawful when it is based on a retaliatory reason. This is where documentation and addressing issues is important as a documented history of improper behavior that has been addressed is easier to justify than concerns that appear without documentation after a complaint.

## What if you learn of sexual harassment?

- Obligation to report
  - Olf you are a supervisor, you must inform the Title IX coordinator within 2 business days
  - OSupervisors are anyone who has authority over others
    - O"I want to tell you, but it has to be between us....."

## Take Away/Resources

#### Listen

 Listen with Compassion

#### Give

 Give time and space for someone coming to you

#### Don't promise

Don't promise anonymity

#### Share

Share resources

#### Talk

Talk to EEO

SLCC Resources:
Employee Resource Groups
EAP/CHC
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