Clery Act Compliance Policy

Policy 301.4

1 Introduction

1.1 This policy affirms Appalachian State University's commitment to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Crime Statistics Act, hereafter called the "Clery Act," and formerly known as the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 (Title II, Public Law 101-542), as amended.

2 Scope

2.1 This policy applies to all employees, students and prospective students of the University, whose main campus is located in Boone, North Carolina, as well as visitors to the campus or non-campus property.

2.2 In addition, all University policy statements, procedures and protocols apply to all employees, students, and visitors to Appalachian's four separate campuses, the Appalachian State University Hickory Campus, the Caldwell Center (located in Hudson, North Carolina, at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute), the Hickory Center (located in Hickory, North Carolina, at the Catawba Valley Community College), and the Burke Center (located in Morganton, North Carolina, at the Foothills Higher Education Center), unless otherwise stated in the report.

3 Definitions

3.1 This policy incorporates by reference all definitions set forth in the most current version of the University's Annual Campus Security & Fire Safety Report [1].

4 Policy and Procedure Statements

4.1 General Policy

4.1.1 It is the policy of Appalachian State University to publish by October 1st of each school year the Annual Campus Security & Fire Safety Report ("Annual Clery Report") that informs current and prospective students and employees of the security and fire safety policies, procedures and practices described in this policy. The Clery Compliance Coordinator is responsible for overseeing preparation and distribution of the Annual Clery Report. Coordination with many departments and agencies, such as Environmental Health, Safety and Emergency Management, Dean of Students, Student Conduct, University Housing, state law enforcement agencies and local police agencies, is required to compile the report.

4.1.2 The Chancellor shall review and approve the Annual Clery Report (including all policy statements contained therein) prior to its publication each year. The <u>Annual Clery Report</u> shall be published on the University Police Department website. The most current version of each Annual Clery Report is incorporated here by reference, as if set forth fully herein. Each member of the University community is notified by e-mail with a link to the report when the report is available on the Web. The report will be made available to prospective students, prospective employees, and other individuals upon request. Paper copies of the report may be requested by contacting the University Police Department at 828-262-2150 or by mail at: Appalachian State University Police Department, ASU Box 32113, Boone, NC, 28608.

4.1.3 Appalachian State University is committed to providing a safe learning, living and working environment. Members of the campus community are encouraged to use the Annual Clery Report as a guide for safe practices on and off-campus; however, nothing in this policy or other publications of the University is intended to represent the University as an insurer of any individual's personal safety or security. Ultimately, students, employees and visitors are expected to use caution and good judgment, and make decisions to ensure their own safety and security.

4.1.4 The University prohibits retaliation by any University officer, employee, or agent against any individual for exercising their rights or fulfilling their responsibilities under any provision of the Clery Act. Any such retaliation may be the basis for disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

5 Additional References

Drugs and Alcohol Policy

6 Authority

U.S. Department of Education Handbook for Campus Safety & Security Reporting Student Right-to-Know Act (Public Law 101-542) Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1991 (Public Law 102-26) Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1993 (Public Law 103-208) Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) of 2008 (Public Law 110-315) Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 20 U.S.C. 1092(f) 20 U.S.C. 1094 34 CFR Part 668 The UNC Policy Manual, The Code, Section 502

7 Contact Information

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8 Original Effective Date

October 1, 2011

9 Revision Dates

October 1, 2012 October 1, 2013 October 1, 2014 October 1, 2015 September 1, 2016 September 27, 2017 NOTE: From 2011 through 2015, this policy was updated annually and included the Campus Security and Fire Safety Annual Report in its entirety. Beginning in 2016 (reporting 2015 crime and fire statistics), the University will publish its Clery Annual Report as a stand-alone document available as indicated in this policy. September 28, 2018 November 5, 2021 - previously policy 301.4