COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT

A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide for compliance with and implementation of the Federal Student Right-to-Know Act, concerning reporting of graduation rates to current and prospective students, and the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act, mandating reporting of security policies and crime statistics to students, employees, and the U. S. Department of Education.

B. Policy

In compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act (the Act) 20 U.S.C. Sections 1092 (a), (e) and (f), as amended, The University of Texas-Pan American collects specified information on campus crime statistics, campus security policies, and institutional completion of graduation rates.

1. Pursuant to the Federal law, alleged victims of violent crime are entitled to know the results of campus student disciplinary proceedings concerning the alleged perpetrators.

2. The University of Texas-Pan American will make timely reports to the campus community on crimes considered to be a threat to students and employees and reported to campus police or local police agencies.

3. Every October, The University of Texas-Pan American will publish and post on its web site an annual report of campus security policies and crime statistics and send notice of the web site address of the annual report to all current students and employees; provide hard copies of the report to current students and employees; inform applicants for enrollment or employment about the existence of the report and how to access it on the internet or request a paper copy if desired; and submit a copy of the report to the Secretary of Education.

   The annual campus crime statistics report will reference crimes which occur:

   a. on campus, meaning

      1. any building or property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution and used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to, the institution's educational purposes, including residence halls, and

2. property within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution that is owned by the institution but controlled by another person, is used by students, and supports institutional purposes (such as a food or other retail vendor); and

b. in or on a "noncampus building or property," meaning

1. any building or property owned or controlled by a student organization recognized by the institution, and

2. any building or property (other than a branch campus) owned or controlled by an institution of higher education that is used in direct support of, or in relation to, the institution's educational purposes, is used by students, and is not within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution; and

c. on public property, meaning all public property that is within the same reasonably contiguous geographic area of the institution, such as a sidewalk, a street, other thoroughfare, or parking facility, and is adjacent to a facility owned or controlled by the institution if the facility is used by the institution in direct support of, or in a manner related to the institution's educational purposes.

In the report, the University will distinguish, by means of separate categories, any criminal offenses that occur:

a. on campus,

b. in or on a noncampus building or property,

c. on public property, and

d. in dormitories or other residential facilities for students on campus.

4. The University of Texas-Pan American will calculate and disclose institutional completion or graduation rates for undergraduate students to all prospective and current students annually. (The federal requirement for calculation of a completion or graduation rate applies only to institutions of higher education that admit undergraduate students who are enrolling for the first time at an institution of higher education and have not enrolled previously at any other institution of higher education.)

5. The University of Texas-Pan American will publish in the annual security report, its policy regarding sex-related offenses, including sexual assault prevention programs, education programs to promote awareness of sex offenses, administrative disciplinary procedures and sanctions for offenders, and counseling and student services for victims.

6. Prior to the offer of athletically-related student aid to a potential student athlete, The University of Texas-Pan American will provide certain information on graduation rates specified by the Act to the prospective student and to the student's parents, guidance counselor, and coach.

C. Review

This policy shall be reviewed by the dean of students every five years or earlier if legislation changes.