Policy *163* Version 1 *10/05/15*

**Policy Change Cover Sheet**

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| **This form must be attached to each policy presented. All areas in red, including the header, must be completed; if not, it will be sent back to you for completion.** |
|  | *I****f the changes you are requesting include housekeeping, please submit those changes to*** ***ndsu.policy.manual@ndsu.edu*** ***first so that a clean policy can be presented to the committees.*** |
| **SECTION**:  | 163 Anti-Harassment Policy |
| 1. **Effect of policy addition or change (explain the important changes in the policy or effect of this policy). Briefly describe the changes that are being made to the policy and the reasoning behind the requested change(s).**
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| * Is this a federal or state mandate? [ ]  Yes [x]  No
* Describe change: Housekeeping change updating references of the title Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach to Vice Provost for Faculty and Equity, and updating references to the Office of Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach to the Office of the Provost
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| 1. **This policy change was originated by (individual, office or committee/organization):**
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| * Office/Department/Name and the date submitted – Student Life / Mary Asheim / 10/5/15
* Email address of the person who should be contacted with revisions – mary.asheim@ndsu.edu
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| ***This portion will be completed by Mary Asheim.***Note: Items routed as information by SCC will have date that policy was routed listed below. |
| 1. **This policy has been reviewed/passed by the following (include dates of official action):**
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| **Senate Coordinating Committee:** |  |
| **Faculty Senate:** |  |
| **Staff Senate:** |  |
| **Student Government:** |  |
| **President’s Cabinet:** |  |

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**SECTION 163
anti-harassment policy**

#### SOURCE: NDSU President

1. North Dakota State University is committed to providing a climate which fosters respect for students, staff and faculty as well as others who participate in programs and activities at the University. As part of that commitment, NDSU prohibits harassment as described in [NDSU Policy 100](http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/100.pdf) and for protected activity (such as reporting alleged harassment or providing information related to a grievance). This policy is in compliance with federal civil rights laws and agency regulations and guidance implementing these laws.

1.1 Harassment (based on an individual's membership in one or more of the groups identified above) is defined, for purposes of this policy, as unwelcome verbal or physical behavior which has the intent or effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual's employment or academic endeavors or creating a hostile, intimidating or offensive environment. Harassment may include (but is not limited to) jokes, derogatory comments, pictures, and/or direct physical advances.

Please note that harassment in electronic forms is also prohibited under [NDSU Policy 710 - Computer Facilities](http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/710.pdf).

1. Anyone who feels she/he has been subjected to prohibited harassment is encouraged to report the situation before it becomes severe or pervasive. Individuals may make a report to the Vice President for Faculty and Equity, the Office of Human Resources/Payroll, the Counseling Center, the Disability Services Office, the Associate Director for Student Rights and Responsibilities, or an appropriate administrator. Reports may be addressed on an informal basis at the request of the individual alleging harassment. The person alleging harassment may also file a formal grievance in the Office of the Provost using the Equal Opportunity Grievance Procedures described in NDSU Policy 156.
2. In each case of alleged harassment, the supervisor, in consultation with the Vice Provost for Faculty and Equity, will determine whether an immediate fact-finding investigation is necessary. Although circumstances will affect the time needed to conduct such an investigation, response to an alleged violation of this policy should be handled in a timely manner and a determination reached as soon as possible. Whenever a violation of this policy is determined, immediate and corrective action, including discipline, will be taken.
3. The University will not tolerate adverse actions/retaliation toward anyone who, in good faith, alleges harassment or who provides information related to a grievance. Such retaliation may be the basis for an additional grievance.
4. To the extent possible, the University will maintain the confidentiality of anyone who reports an alleged violation of this policy.
5. In addition to this anti-harassment policy, the University has a policy specifically addressing sexual harassment (see [Policy 162](http://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/policy/162.pdf)).

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