LETTER FROM THE TITLE IX COORDINATOR

I’m providing this letter, as the Title IX Coordinator for the University of Montana, so that you have information about Title IX and other resources including options for reporting and available medical, counseling and advocacy resources through the university and in the community so you can feel safe on our campus.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Whether or not you request an investigation, UM will provide necessary safety and interim measures such as assisting you with changes to campus living arrangements, class schedules, no contact directives, campus counseling, or assistance finding an advocate, to name a few.

UM TITLE IX INVESTIGATION

I’d also like to share the option to pursue a Title IX investigation that could lead to a university sanction against the respondent if the respondent is a UM student or UM employee. If you ask for no Title IX investigation or that your name not be shared with the respondent, we will seriously consider your reasons for making the request, including concerns about your safety and safety of the campus as a whole. The bottom line is that we want to hear from you about what you want and need before we proceed.

CRIMINAL REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION

You may also choose to seek a separate criminal investigation through the police and court system. I will not be contacting the police without your consent. However, if you want to report to the police, our office can assist you. Even if you aren’t sure right now, make sure to preserve all evidence like any text messages, social media or other physical evidence.

RETISSION

Retaliation against an individual for reporting is strictly prohibited. Please notify me if you feel you or anyone else involved is experiencing retaliation so we can stop it.

AMNESTY

You should know that the university policy contains an “amnesty” provision so you or any friends will not be disciplined for using alcohol or drugs at the time of the reported incident.

In addition, I want to convey that we respect your privacy. Any conversations or investigation will be conducted with respect for the privacy of all individuals involved in the process. Please know that it’s never too late to make a report or let us know how we can help you. Please contact me in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action at 243-5710, email eoaa@umontana.edu or visit 006 University Hall to set up a time to talk. You have the right to have a support person with you when we meet. I can answer your questions so you can make informed decisions. UM’s Equal Opportunity website has a lot of helpful information about all of the things mentioned here. In addition, if you want a confidential resource you can contact the Student Advocacy Center at 243-6559, they are located in the Curry Health Center.

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