



OCR Campus Meeting and Open Office Hours Re: USC's Response to Reports and Complaints About Former Staff Gynecologist

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) is currently investigating the University of Southern California's (USC) compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, known as "Title IX." This investigation is reviewing USC's response to reports and complaints of sexual harassment by a former staff gynecologist, employed by USC from 1989 until 2017. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment. Unwelcome sexual touching, sexual assault, and sexual battery are also forms of sexual harassment. Universities are required to respond promptly, equitably, and effectively to address sexual harassment, and also to take certain steps to prevent sexual harassment.

OCR staff will be on the USC campus Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. to hold a community meeting with USC staff, students and alumni and open office hours regarding this OCR directed investigation.

OCR is interested in speaking with any current or former students, staff, or faculty with information about reports and/or complaints made to USC about allegations against the former staff gynecologist and the University's response.

The OCR community meeting at USC will take place from 5-6 pm with general information about the OCR directed investigation process, an opportunity for questions and an opportunity for limited public testimony by pre-registered individuals with information relevant to the investigation. From 6:15-8:00 pm, OCR will have 15 minute slots available for individuals who have information relevant to the investigation who would like to speak privately with an OCR attorney during office hours.

To schedule an office hours appointment or to request to speak during the community meeting, please email: laura.welp@ed.gov.

OCR's community meeting will be held at Taper Hall of Humanities 201 on the USC Campus. The office hours will be held at Taper Hall of Humanities 207 and 217 on the USC campus.

If you are unable to come to office hours while OCR is on campus or would like to make other arrangements to provide information relevant to the investigation, please call OCR at (415) 486-5555 or email laura.welp@ed.gov.