

Title IX complaint records request

16 messages

Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>
To: raquel.torres2@pcc.edu

Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 4:56 PM

Hi Raquel,

This is a follow up to our visit earlier today. I have been trying to contact the Office of Equity and Inclusion to find out if they have kept records of my Title IX complaints at PCC. I made an informal complaint at the downtown office, probably in late April, 2015. Two members of the Office of Equity and Inclusion took notes as I described sexual and other harassment I was experiencing in my classes from other students, and from teachers, and the large-scale surveillance that was happening through the PCC computer network (and via CCT visible & hidden cameras around campus).

Probably in early June 2015 I stopped by the office again, and was told the staff were all at a conference in Washington D.C. So I sat down and hand-wrote a 7 page letter describing more details of the harassment. I was told at the time there was no way to make a copy of that letter, so I left it in an envelope with the receptionist downstairs and she promised to give it to the right people when they returned from D.C.

The constant harassment began to wear on me so much it eventually drove me out of PCC, sadly without my being able to complete my Multimedia certificate. And then I continued to experience harassment at work.

Around September of last year I decided to make a formal Title IX complaint through the Department of Education (OCR Reference No. 10162219). I don't know if there were any records in your office related to that since it was ultimately denied as a jurisdiction issue: the officer (Samantha Wilson) claimed that I could not prove that the harassment was gender-based, thus not a Title IX issue.

My question to you is, is there an existing file at PCC relating to my complaints.

I am particularly interested in the letter I wrote in June of 2015, because it details a lot of my biggest complaints about the systemic nature of the harassment. If there is an existing file, I would like to find out how I can get a copy of it for my own records.

The problems I had were not isolated to PCC and I've since learned that others are experiencing similar patterns of group-harassment (possibly done for pay), and other similar things. I would like to document my history as completely as possible in order to confirm similar stories and hopefully help other victims find peace, accountability, & justice.

Contact by phone, email, or mail is all fine. Let me know if you need anything else from me.

Thank you,

Erika Meyer 305 NE 61st Avenue Apt D13 Portland, Oregon 97213

phone: 503-462-6138

Hi Raquel,

Just checking in. Were you able to follow up on this? Is there a file or other records on me or on my Title IX complaints? Is the 7-page letter I hand wrote in June 2015 in the file?

Thank you,

Erika Meyer

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Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 6:09 PM

To: erica.rothman@pcc.edu

Dear Ms Rothman,

I am trying to get a copy of my Title IX complaint file (details below). I am interested in all documents you may have kept, especially a letter I wrote Summer of 2015 which detailed my concerns about surveillance in the womens' restrooms, etc. I've come to the office a few times trying to speak to someone in person, but I keep missing you. On June 28 I did meet Raquel Torres, who asked me to send her an email and said she would send it to the appropriate parties. I never heard back from her.

Emails I sent to Ms Torres are copied below. I hope you are able to help me. My phone number is 503-462-6138 (though email is probably the ideal mode of response).

Thank you,

Erika

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Raquel Torres <raquel.torres2@pcc.edu>
To: Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 7:59 AM

Cc: Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

Good morning Erika,

I am following up with your request regarding your records of my Title IX complaints at PCC. Please excuse my delay I had tried calling but the phone: 503-462-6138, said the subscriber I was calling was not in service. I am forwarding you and our Title IX office this message.

To request access to or a copy of an educational record, the **student must submit a signed request**. The college has 45 days to produce the request from the time we receive the signed request.

The student can request directly from the department that holds the record or they can request through our office and we can facilitate.

Please do submit a written request petitioning your records and send the request to:

Portland Community College
DOWNTOWN CENTER
ROOM 300
722 SW 2ND AVENUE PORTLAND, OR 97204

ATTN: Office of Equity and Inclusion/Title IX

Best regards,

Raquel Torres
Administrative Assistant
Office of Equity and Inclusion

DIRECT LINE: 971-722-5833 OFFICE LINE: 971.722.5840

FAX: 971.722.5845

Portland Community College

DOWNTOWN CENTER ROOM 300

722 SW 2nd Avenue Portland, OR 97204

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Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 12:34 PM

To: Raquel Torres <raquel.torres2@pcc.edu> Cc: Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

Thank you. Yes, unfortunately my phone was stolen a couple of days ago. An alternate number is 971-888-1202, but honestly, email is best. So I will write and send my request through the mail then.

Erika

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Raquel Torres <raquel.torres2@pcc.edu>

Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 12:53 PM

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 12:50 PM

To: Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>
Cc: Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

Hi Erika,

I am sorry for the what happened to your phone. I hope you are ok? I will make a note of your new number for future reference.

If there is anymore information you need please email or call me.

Sincerely,

Raquel Torres

Administrative Assistant
Office of Equity and Inclusion
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OFFICE LINE: 971.722.5840

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Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

To: Raquel Torres <raquel.torres2@pcc.edu>

Cc: Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Hi Erika,

While you are working on the paperwork end of this, I wanted to reach out and let you know that I am gathering the records you requested. Please let me know if you are having any trouble with the request process.

Warmly, Erica

Erica Rothman, J.D.

Title IX Co-Coordinator

Office of Equity and Inclusion Portland Community College (971) 722-5843

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Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

To: Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

Mon, Aug 7, 2017 at 4:52 PM

Fantastic, thanks for all your help. I mailed a letter to your office last week. Should be there by now.

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Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

To: Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Tue, Aug 8, 2017 at 9:11 AM

I will hunt for it! Sometimes mail can take a while if it goes through PCC central processing, but if you mailed it last week, it should turn up.

Warmly, Erica

Erica Rothman, J.D.

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Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

To: Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 3:12 PM

Hi Erica - Did the letter ever arrive? If not I can print & photograph it with the signature and/or hand-deliver.

Thank you

Erika M

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Dear Erica,

Here is a pdf version of the signed records request I sent almost a month ago. Later today I'll try to print it again, sign it, photograph it, attach a photograph of my signed letter to another email, then, assuming you never did get the original letter (?) I'll mail it again.

Thank you again for your help,

Erika Meyer

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Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu> To: Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 10:36 AM

Hi Erika,

Thank you. Your letter *did* arrive, I'm sorry if my previous email was poorly worded. When could you come to PCC so I can release the records to you? I cannot send the records via email to a non-PCC email, but I can give them to you in person (because that way I can verify that you are Erika Meyer and not some random person online.)

Warmly, Erica

Erica Rothman, J.D.

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Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu> To: Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 10:31 AM

Hi Erika,

Your letter did arrive. Let's set up a time for you to come in and receive what I have been able to find. We typically do not email records to a non-PCC email address because we need to verify the identity of the person we're giving records to. Would you be able to meet me at PCC's Downtown Center?

Warmly, Erica

Erica Rothman, J.D.

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Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>
To: Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 12:53 PM

No problem. Are you downtown today? Can I come this afternoon? I can be there by 2 pm.

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Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>
To: Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>

Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 2:04 PM

Be there at 2:15

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Erica Rothman <erica.rothman@pcc.edu>
To: Erika Meyer <ekm@seastorm.com>

Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 3:26 PM

Hi Erika,

It was nice to meet you today. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Warmly, Erica

Erica Rothman, J.D.

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