Student Misconduct Investigation Confidentiality Agreement for Advisor

The advisor understands that her/his/their role is to provide support to a student during an investigation and, in that role, advisor may learn or be given access to confidential student information (for example, academic records, student address and contact information, and student health information). Advisor agrees that he/she/they will not copy, distribute, post, alter, or make public any such information, and that this obligation will continue after the investigation and appeal is completed.

Advisor further agrees to adhere to guidelines for advisors set forth in the Student Misconduct policy section VII:

Throughout the process, both the Reporting Party and the Respondent may use an advisor of their choice. The advisor may be any person – parent, friend, mental health professional, certified victim’s advocate, attorney – or an individual provided by the university. An advisor may not be a witness or have any conflicting role in the process or with a party.

The role of the advisor is to provide support and assistance in understanding and navigating the investigation process. To protect the privacy of those involved, all advisors are required to sign a confidentiality agreement prior to attending an interview or otherwise participating in the university’s investigatory process.

The university’s duty is to the student, not the advisor. All communication is made directly with the student. The process will not be unreasonably delayed to accommodate the schedule of the advisor. An advisor must be familiar with university policy and may be required to meet with the Title IX Coordinator or other university administrator in advance of participation in university proceedings.

The advisor is not an advocate. The advisor may not testify in or obstruct an interview, or disrupt the process. The Title IX Coordinator has the right to determine what constitutes appropriate behavior of an advisor and take reasonable steps to ensure compliance with this policy.

Advisor Full Name (Please Print) __________________________

Advisor Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Student Full Name (Please Print) __________________________

Student Signature __________________________