

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND POLICY 1026 AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT
TO ALIGN WITH REAUTHORIZED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT**

WHEREAS, University Policy 1026: Title IX Sexual Harassment and Responsible Employee Reporting was created in 2020 pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and applies to all levels and areas of university operations and programs, to undergraduate and graduate students, professional students, administrators, faculty, staff, volunteers, vendors and contractors; and

WHEREAS, Title IX regulations require that the university define domestic violence in its Title IX policies consistent with the Violence Against Women Act; and

WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 signed into law in March 2022 includes a revised definition of domestic violence that will become effective October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022, University Policy 1026 and the Student Code of Conduct must be amended to include the revised definition of domestic violence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective October 1, 2022, Policy 1026: Title IX Sexual Harassment and Responsible Employee Reporting and the Student Code of Conduct be revised as follows to reflect the revised definition of domestic violence contained in the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022:

Domestic Violence means felony or misdemeanor crimes ~~of violence~~ committed by: (a) a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; (b) a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (c) a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; (d) a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of Virginia; or (e) any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of Virginia.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution to amend University Policy 1026 and the Student Code of Conduct be approved by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors effective October 1, 2022.

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