Witness Information

Witnesses can be anyone with relevant information about an incident. Witnesses can participate in-person, remotely, and via a statement. If the person experienced direct harm as a result of the reported incident, they may wish to request to participate as a reporting party/complainant.

Witnesses can attend the case proceeding and provide a witness statement in person. If witnesses choose to do this, they can also be questioned by the respondent (accused student), the complainant (reporting party, not involved in every case), and the hearing body.

Student witnesses are not be required to answer those questions, and we expect them to be truthful about any information they provide.

Witnesses could have a support person or an advisor outside of the proceeding with them, but they could not bring them into the hearing room.

Witnesses who choose to attend remotely could do so through a video conference or a phone call. Witnesses could still be questioned by the respondent, complainant, and the hearing body. As with an in-person appearance, witnesses would not be required to answer those questions, and we expect them to be truthful about any information they provide. If witnesses chose this option, we would expect they would participate in a private location, and we could arrange for such a space on campus.

Witnesses could choose to provide a witness statement, signed by them, to be reviewed during proceedings. In this case, witnesses would not be available for questions. We would also need witnesses to verify the statement, either by sending it from their GW email address or by delivering it to our office and providing their ID.

Whether or not witnesses appear is up to them. They can attend because the information they have help us resolve cases from a more informed perspective.

SRR is available to answer any questions or respond to any concerns witnesses have about these options.

As with all of our processes, if witnesses needed disability accommodations to participate fully, we would work to meet those. If that is the case, please let us know about those as soon as possible.
REPORTING PARTY/COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

The Code of Student Conduct states, “For cases where a reporting party or complainant requests to participate in a student conduct process, the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities or designee may allow the reporting party/complainant to participate to the extent necessary, in the sole determination of the SRR Director or designee, to create a complete and fair hearing record, including an assessment of harm and how it might be remedied. This participation could include any of the following: • attending any student conduct proceeding, • questioning the respondent, • responding to questions from the respondent and the hearing body, • presenting witnesses, • submitting an impact statement describing how the alleged misconduct has affected the reporting party/complainant, or • receiving information about the outcome, consistent with law.”

Anyone wishing to participate as a reporting party/complainant can make that request to SRR/the case manager. Such people may also wish to consider participating as witnesses.

Reporting parties/complainants are not required to participate in order for the case to proceed. In the event a student chooses not to participate, the case may proceed based on the information available.

Reporting parties/complainants can participate in-person, remotely, and via a statement.

Reporting parties/complainants can attend the case proceeding and provide a witness statement in person. If a reporting party/complainant chooses to do this, they can also be questioned by the respondent (accused student) and the hearing body. If they wish to question the respondent or bring witnesses of their own, they should make that request through SRR.

Reporting parties/complainants are not be required to answer those questions, and we expect them to be truthful about any information they provide.

At the discretion of the SRR director or designee, complainants/reporting parties could have an advisor attend the proceeding with them. Such a request should be made to the case manager.

Reporting parties/complainants who choose to attend remotely could do so through a video conference or a phone call. Such reporting parties/complainants could still be questioned by the respondent and the hearing body. As with an in-person appearance, reporting parties/complainants would not be required to answer those questions, and we expect them to be truthful about any information they provide. If reporting parties/complainants chose this option, we would expect they would participate in a private location, and we could arrange for such a space on campus.

Reporting parties/complainants could choose to provide a statement, signed by them, to be reviewed during proceedings. In this case, they might not be available for questions. We would also need them to verify the statement, either by sending it from their GW email address or by delivering it to our office and providing their ID.

Whether or not reporting parties/complainants participate is up to them. They can attend because the information they have help us resolve cases from a more informed perspective.
SRR is available to answer any questions or respond to any concerns reporting parties/complainants have about these options.

As with all of our processes, if reporting parties/complainants needed disability accommodations to participate fully, we would work to meet those. If that is the case, please let us know about those as soon as possible.