2023.3.3.3: Candidate Complaint Process by EPP and UPRM

Evidence Overview

The document focuses on changes made to the Student Catalog to comply with CAEP standards in the certification processes for educational professionals in Puerto Rico. A key change is the modification of the requirement for a 3.0 GPA. These updates aim to ensure that the certification process aligns with current accreditation standards.

The EPP uses the UPRM Students Handbook where specify the order of how the complaints would be taken care of, but more specifically the EPP (2023.3.3 Complaint System Stablished by EPP and UPRM). Also, the student will have access via EPP website.

Other offices where Candidate Complaint are Students Deans Office, Kinesiology Department webpage, OSEIRUM, specifically for students with disabilities.

The Educator Preparation Program (EPP) at UPR Mayagüez is dedicated to addressing candidate complaints fairly and transparently. The procedures are outlined in the EPP Handbook and are designed to ensure that all grievances are properly considered and resolved.

Documentation of Complaints

- **Submission**: Candidates should submit written complaints to the designated program coordinator or the EPP Director. This can be done via email or in person.
- **Format**: Complaints must include the candidate's name, contact information, a detailed description of the issue, and any relevant supporting documentation.

Initial Review

- **Acknowledgment**: The program coordinator will acknowledge receipt of the complaint within 5-7 business days.
- Assessment: An initial assessment will determine if the complaint aligns with EPP policies and requires further investigation.

Investigation

- **Gathering Information**: The EPP may conduct interviews with the complainant, faculty, and other relevant parties to collect all pertinent information.
- Confidentiality: Investigations will be conducted confidentially to protect the identities of all involved.

Resolution

- **Decision-Making**: Based on the investigation findings, the program coordinator will recommend a resolution, which may include mediation, academic adjustments, or additional support.
- **Communication**: The complainant will receive a written summary of the outcome and any actions taken within 15 business days of the initial complaint.

Appeals Process

- If the complainant is not satisfied with the resolution, they can appeal the decision. The appeals process includes:
 - o Written Appeal: Submission of a written appeal to the EPP Appeals Committee.
 - o **Review**: The committee will review all relevant documentation and the original resolution process.
 - o **Final Decision**: The committee will provide a final decision, communicated to the complainant within a specified timeframe.

Documentation and Reporting

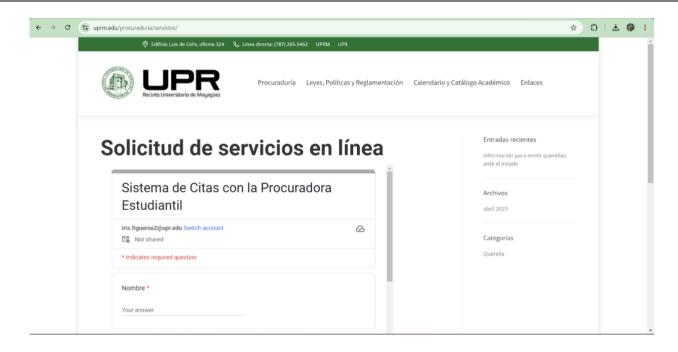
- **Record Keeping**: All complaints and resolutions will be documented and securely stored to ensure accountability.
- Annual Review: The EPP conducts an annual review of complaint data to identify trends and enhance procedures.

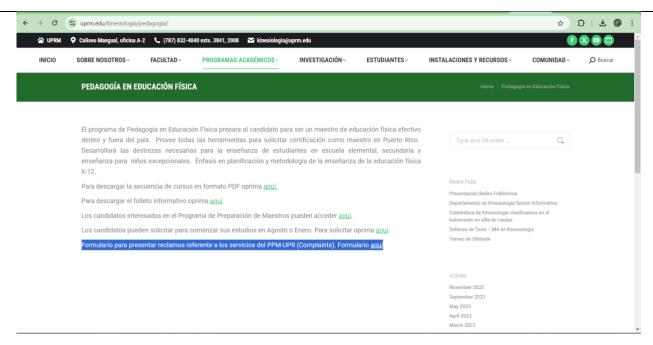
Resources for Candidates

- **EPP Handbook**: Comprehensive details about the complaint process are outlined in the EPP Handbook, distributed to all candidates upon program entry.
- EPP Website: Additional resources, including contact information for the EPP Director and coordinators, can be found on the official UPR Mayagüez EPP website. See the form to start the process of complaints in Reclamos (Complaints) Programa de Preparación de Maestros (https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wF36DW8DFUaZ5JSvgi8rhAJK0v2LwV5Mjhet17XEq8JURUs1UEJUUIIwNlMyWFhCVktKOEVWTU5RQy4u&route=shorturl)

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The Evidence







• Pages for students to complain and the procedures for considering them.

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