

**FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

Date: January 9, 2007

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: Student Government and Student Organizations (4.006).

SUMMARY: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Florida Atlantic University, in response to written comments received following the posting of the Notice of Proposed Regulation Amendment for Regulation 4.006 on December 18, 2006, has changed the following proposed regulation. This change adopts some of the comments submitted, and clarifies the proposed regulation otherwise.

FULL TEXT OF THE CHANGE IN PROPOSED REGULATION: The full text of the change in proposed regulation is attached below to this Notice. The full text of the existing regulation is posted on FAU's website at www.fau.edu/isting

PROPOSED AFTER COMMENTS RECEIVED

Florida Atlantic University

Regulation 4.006

Student Government and Student Organizations

- (1) Purpose
 - (a) Student organizations are an essential part of the Florida Atlantic University

2. Student Wellness Center under the Associate Dean of Student Affairs on the Broward Campuses.
 3. The Department of Recreation under the auspices of Student Life & Recreation on the John D. MacArthur Campus, which is responsible for overseeing the sports clubs.
- (fe) Greek Life. The term “Greek Life” shall refer to the area of responsibility under the Dean of Student Affairs Office ~~on the Boca Raton Campus~~ that is responsible for overseeing the social Greek letter fraternities and sororities.
- (gf) ~~Campus Ministries. The term Campus Ministries shall refer to the area of responsibility under the Dean of Student Affairs Office on the appropriate campus that is responsible for overseeing religious student organizations.~~
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students to serve on University committees, councils and boards which have student membership or representation.

- (ef) Student Government shall ~~be~~conduct its activities in full compliance with all Federal and State of Florida Laws.
- (fe) Any elected student government official who pleads guilty, no contest, receives deferred prosecution (or similar disposition) or is convicted of a violation of felony or is found civilly liable for an act of moral turpitude will be immediately suspended from office and temporarily replaced. The University President's designee will appoint a temporary replacement if ~~the Student Government's~~ succession process is unable to produce a replacement within ten (10) University days. If the deferred prosecution, conviction, or verdict is not lifted or overturned, and if all rights of judicial appeal have been exercised, waived, or expired, the suspension will become a permanent removal. This procedure is distinct from and in addition to the processes of the Florida Atlantic University Student Code of Conduct.
- (gh) ~~The Vice President for Student Affairs requires that a~~All Student Government leaders must undergo training provided by the Dean of Student Affairs within 2

(h) The privilege to have a mailbox on cam

- (7) Procedure for the Formation of a New Student Organization
 - (a) Any student(s) wanting to begin a new student organization shall file a “Intent to Organize” form with the Office of Student Development & Activities on the campus on which they wish to form.
 - 1. When approved by the Office of Student

7. When all of these documents have been reviewed by Student Affairs the group is eligible for the privileges set out in this regulation.
8. The petitioning organization will be notified in writing by the Office of Student Development & Activities or appropriate office of its acceptance or, in cases of denial, the reasons for denial. The petitioning organization may submit an appeal to Student Affairs on the respective campus.

(8) Re-Registration of an Existing Student Organization

Student organizations need to annually re-register each fall semester or if changes occur to the officers and/or advisor of the student organization. On the third Friday of the fall semester, the Office of Student Development & Activities will deactivate all student organizations that have not re-registered. A deactivated organization will not be able to function as a student organization. This includes receiving funds disbursed from Student Government, reserving space on campus or getting a permit to table or hang a banner. The intent of this rule is to ensure that the University has accurate contact information for each group.

- (a) Complete the “Student Organization Status Report” form.
- (b) Complete the “Roster List” form with a minimum of 8 members.
- (c) This shall be considered official registration of the student organization.
- (d) The student organization is responsible for notifying the Office of Student Development and Activities of any updates or changes in the operations of the organization.

(9) Qualifications for Student Leaders

- (a) All FAU students are eligible for membership in any recognized student organization at FAU, provided that membership requirements of the organization are satisfied.
- (b) Each student organization should take steps to ensure that candidates for student office meet the minimum eligibility requirements as stated in this regulation prior to election or appointment.
- (c) The Office of Student Development & Activities and/or the Dean of Student Affairs or designee will verify eligibility on the appointed and elected student officers of all registered student organizations.
- (d) Students not meeting the eligibility requirements as outlined in this regulation will be required to relinquish their office immediately upon notification (subject to appeal).
- (e) The Privilege of Representing our University carries with it the obligation to set a high standard of behavior. It is, therefore, the responsibility of the University President to ensure that student representatives do not continue to represent their institution, when, due to their misconduct, such participation would reflect poorly on their respective institution. Failure to comply with the provision of this section may result in disciplinary action being taken against the student pursuant to the Florida Atlantic University Student Code of Conduct.
- (f) To be eligible to hold elected or appointed office in any student organization, a student must meet University standards. These criteria are separate from and in addition to any criteria for office that a

- (a) All student organizations at FAU must adhere to all University regulations and policies including the Student

- d. If a student organization is suspected of a violation to the Student Organizational Code of Conduct, the appropriate supervising department director or designee, i.e.; Office of Student Development & Activities, Campus Recreation; Dean of Student Affairs; and Greek Life will send to the student organization's president and copied to the advisor a written notice of charges against the organization.
3. The Organization president or designee shall have at least three academic days from receipt of the Notice to meet with appropriate department director or designee to discuss the charges. The advisor will be encouraged to attend.
4. The appropriate department director or designee will decide one of the following after the date set for the meeting with the Organization president or designee:
 - a. Case Dismissal – The respective director or designee may dismiss the case if it is found to not have sufficient facts or evidence to substantiate the claim of misconduct or the misconduct is not a violation of the Student Organization Code of Conduct.
 - b. Administrative Action –In unusual cases, which dictate a decision for the welfare of any individual, the student body, or any part of the University or its community, the respective director or designee may take immediate action to resolve the situation.
 - c. Dean of Student Affairs - The respective director or designee may refer the case to the Dean of Student Affairs.
 - d. Hearing Board – The respective director or designee may refer the case to a Student Organization Code of Conduct board consisting of ~~one-two~~ students, one student affairs ~~administrator~~ ~~staff member~~ and ~~one-two~~ faculty ~~members~~. If it involves a Greek Organization the case will be heard by the appropriate Greek governing organization or the Greek Student Conduct Board.
 - e. Other Appropriate Action. A disciplinary action not specifically set out above, but deemed proper.
- (e) A hearing date before the appropriate University Student Organization Code of Conduct Board will be promptly set but in no event less than three academic days after the date of the initial meeting. The notification of hearing, when needed, shall be in writing and include: The date, time and location of the Student Organization Code of Conduct Board hearing
- (f) Student Organizational Code of Conduct Hearing Procedure
 1. Review of hearing procedures and charges.
 2. Opening statement by charging dire

5. Closing statement by charging director, followed by the closing statement of the charged student organization.
 6. Deliberation by the Board
 7. Decision and suggested sanction
 8. The advisor is encouraged to attend the hearing.
 9. Decision of the Student Organizational Conduct Board shall determine whether it is more likely than not that the accused student organization violated the Student Organizational Code of Conduct.
- (g) The respective director will send notice to the organization President of the outcome and the sanction within three academic days.
- (h) The student organization may appeal in writing the decision within five academic days to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Appeals must specify the basis for the appeal. The appeal may be based on failure to receive the due process required by this regulation, severity of the sanction and/or new material or information that could not be discovered at the time of the hearing.
- (i) After considering the appeal, the Vice President for Student Affairs may reopen the hearing, order a new hearing with the same or new Student Organizational Conduct Board, or uphold the prior decision. The Vice President shall provide the student organization written notice of his/her decision.
- (j) The appeal determination of the Vice President for Student Affairs is final and binding on all parties. There are no further appeals within the University.
- (k) Sanctions
1. Educational Activities. Required attendance at educational programs, meeting with appropriate officials, written research assignments, planning and implementing educational programs or other educational activities at the student organization's own expense.
 2. Community/University Service. Required completion of a specified number of hours of service to the campus or general community.
 3. Restitution. Payment made for damage or loss caused by the student organization.
 4. Restriction or Revocation of Privileges. Temporary or permanent loss of privileges, including but not limited to the use of a particular University facility, resources, equipment or visitation privileges.
 5. Social Warning. A disciplinary sanction in writing notifying a student organization that the organization's behavior did not meet University standards. All disciplinary warnings will be taken into consideration if further violations occur.
 6. Social Probation. A disciplinary sanction in writing notifying the student organization is in serious violation of University standards and that restrictions are being placed on the organization's activities.
 7. Suspension of the Organization's Registration. Mandatory deactivation of the organization. During the period of suspension the organization is barred from conducting any activities on campus and cannot be registered as a student organization at any FAU campus. Once the entire period of suspension has been served, the student organization may seek

reactivation by submitting a written request to the Office of Student Development & Activities or appropriate supervising office.

8. Expulsion. Permanent revocation of the student organization's registration with no right for future readmissi