

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

Date: December 18, 2006

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

SUMMARY: This regulation amendment revises the University's Student Organizations Regulation. It implements comprehensive procedures for funding, formation, discipline, qualifications and registration of student organizations.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION: The full text of the 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/regulations. In addition, the full text of the proposed regulation and current regulation are available upon request to the Office of the General Counsel, which can be contacted at (561) 297-3007 or GeneralCounsel@fau.edu.

AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE REGULATION: Article IX of the Florida Constitution, Florida Statute 1001.74 and the Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure dated July 21, 2005.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE REGULATION AMENDMENT:

Dr. Charles L. Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. In response, the University may solicit additional written comments, schedule a public hearing, withdraw or modify the proposed regulation amendment in whole or in part after notice, or proceed with adopting the regulation amendment. The comments must identify the regulation(s) on which you are commenting:

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE AMENDMENT/REPEAL OF REGULATIONS IS: Valerie Laine, Coordinator, Office of the General Counsel, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida, 33431, (561) 297-3007 (phone), (561) 297-2787 (fax), GeneralCounsel@fau.edu.

PROPOSED

Florida Atlantic University

Regulation 4.006 Student Government and Student Organizations

(1) Procedure for the formation of a registered student organization:

(a) A student representative of the group wishing to be registered files with the Student Activities Office in the University Center a statement of intent to organize. When approved by the President of the Student Government Association and the Director of Student Activities, the group may then hold and advertise meetings on campus. The privilege is granted for a period of six weeks during which time the group should submit a petition for registration.

(b) The petition for registration is filed as soon as the membership of the organization is largely complete and should include the names of the members and a list of the officers. All officers and at least a majority of the membership must be registered students of Florida Atlantic University. At this time the group must submit its constitution and bylaws to the Student Activities Office and select an advisor. The advisor must be a full-time faculty or staff member employed by Florida Atlantic University. Special national restrictions on the qualifications for advisors to social fraternities and sororities may prohibit the selection of an FAU faculty or staff member as the advisor. Such cases will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Director of Student Activities and the Dean of Student Affairs. If the organization is affiliated with an off-campus organization, the constitution of the parent organization must also be filed. When these documents have been approved by the President of Student Government, the Director of Student Activities and the Dean of Student Affairs, the group is eligible for the privileges set out below.

(c) All clubs and organizations must file a status report each term with the Student Activities Office. Any club or organization not filing a status report will be

- ~~(a) Complying with local, state, and national laws and University policies and regulations in the functioning of the organization.~~
- ~~(b) Accepting responsibility for sponsoring and supervising their programs.~~
- ~~(c) Assuring that University facilities are used only for the purposes for which they were scheduled by the organization.~~
- ~~(d) Reimbursing the University for damage to University property or facilities, including clean-up costs, which occur in connection with the organization's activities or programs.~~
- ~~(e) Assuring that all promotion and advertising of events involving the use of University facilities shall identify the sponsor of the event.~~
- ~~(f) Failure to comply with any of the responsibilities of registration may result in revocation of the group's status as an FAU student organization.~~
- ~~(3) Use of facilities. Registered student organizations and acknowledged student groups (Student Government and its agencies, housing staff, student advisory~~

(1) Purpose

(a) Student organizations are an essential part of the Florida Atlantic University community and are an integral part of the total academic program. The presence of a diverse group of organizations is in the best interest of the University and its students. Such organizations foster valuable experiences for students that lead to significant learning and development and create a sense of belonging.

(b) Student organizations provide a valuable service to the University community by promoting leadership development, community spirit, activism, community service, and social and cultural interaction. Each year more than 300 student organizations sponsor conferences, seminars, lectures, debates, cultural and social events, and fine arts programs. These activities allow FAU students to meet and interact with local, state, nationally, and internationally renowned scholars, artists, politicians, academicians and other professionals. Student organization members spend countless volunteer hours each academic year participating in service projects for campus and community efforts.

(2) Definitions

(a) Student – as defined by the Student Code of Conduct, Regulation 4.007.

(b) Student Organizations – The term “Student Organizations” refers to all clubs, organizations, fraternities, sororities, Student Government and all Student Government Agencies.

(b) Student Development & Activities. The term Student Development & Activities as defined by the Vice President for Student Affairs shall refer to the following:

1. Office of Student Development & Activities on the Boca Raton Campus.
2. Office of Student Development & Activities on the Broward Campuses.
3. Office of Student Development & Activities under the auspices of Student Life & Recreation on the Jupiter Campus.
4. Office of Student Affairs on the Treasure Coast Campus

(c) Student Affairs. The term Student Affairs shall refer to the Division of Student Affairs represented by the various Dean of Student Affairs offices on each campus.

(d) Campus Recreation. The term Campus Recreation shall refer to:

1. The Department of Campus Recreation on the Boca Raton Campus, which

1. Assures full and complete implementation of Florida Law.
 2. Assures compliance with all applicable laws and regulations are not impeded; and
 3. Facilitates effective interaction between the University staff and the Student Government Association (SGA) in the allocation and expenditure of funds derived from Activity and Service (A & S) Fees.
- (b) All Activity and Services Fees shall be maintained in accounts kept by the FAU

registered and sponsored student or

| document that defines the long-term purpose of the organization and the structure of the organization. The

(g) Appeals. Appeals of non-eligibility decisions must be submitted in writing to the Dean on the appropriate campus or Vice President for Student Affairs within three (3) working days of notification of non-eligibility.

1. The appeal must state the grounds for appealing the decision.
2. A response to the students appeal will be given within five (5) working days of notification at which time a hearing may be scheduled.
3. The Eligibility Appeals Board shall be comprised of one student, one faculty member, and one-student affairs staff member. The Vice President for Student Affairs shall appoint this board as needed.
4. An Eligibility Appeals Board decision will be given within five (5) working days of the scheduled student hearing.
5. During the appeal process a candidate, on an interim basis, may be appointed to the position in question in order to fulfill obligated duties.
6. The decision of the Eligibility Appeals Board is final.

(10) Student Organization's Event Management and Travel Policy

All activities and trips sponsored by student organizations must be registered with the Office of Student Development & Activities and must comply with policies and procedures set forth in organizational handbooks/manuals.

(11) Student Organizational Code of Conduct and Discipline

(a) All student organizations at FAU must adhere to all University regulations and policies including the Student Code of Conduct and the Office of Student Development & Activities Club & Organization Manual and other manuals including but not limited to Greek Life and Campus Recreation on each campus.

(b) Any violation of these regulations by a student organization may result in disciplinary sanctions against the organization may include cancellation of the organization's registration.

(c) Suspension of a Student Organization's Registration - An organization's registration may be suspended by the Dean of Student Affairs or designee for any one of the following reasons:

1. Violation of University regulations, policies and procedures and/or state, federal or local laws.
2. Failure to pay University obligations.
3. Violation of Student Code of Conduct.
4. The national organization revokes the student organization's charter or denies affiliation.
5. Non-compliance with organization registration procedures and constitution requirements.
6. Falsification of any registration information.
7. Violation of policies stated in the Campus Club & Organization Manual and other manuals including but not limited to Campus Recreation and Greek Life

(d) Procedures for the Deposition of Student Organizationa

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 student, one student affairs administrator and one faculty. 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 director, followed by opening statement of charged student organization

3 Questioning of charging director and witnesses by the Board and Student Organization.

4 Questioning of student organization and any witnesses by the Board and

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.