

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

Date: September 30, 2011

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

SUMMARY: Student Government (SG) and 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 SG and 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. SG and Student Organization members spend countless volunteer hours each academic year participating in service projects for campus and community efforts.

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 PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENTS IS: Myrlande Dessalines, Paralegal, 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) PURPOSE.

(a) Student Organizations and Student Government 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~~Students. Such organizations foster valuable experiences for ~~students~~Students that lead to significant learning and development and create a sense of belonging.

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

(2) RECOGNITION.

University recognition of a Student Organization means that the Student Organization has completed the requirements for University recognition and is eligible for the privileges extended to recognized Student Organizations, ~~outlined in section (5).~~ University recognition, ~~therefore,~~ does not imply University endorsement of the activities of the Student Organization, ~~or of Student Government~~. University recognition also does not imply that the Student Organization has been granted ~~any~~ status as an entity or agent of the State of Florida, or Florida Atlantic University. While faculty and staff members of the University serve in advisory capacities to Student Organizations and Student Government, it is presumed that ~~students~~Students of legal adult age are adults and, therefore, make and are accountable for their decisions and behaviors as individuals and as members of the organization.

(3) DEFINITIONS.

(a) ~~Student. As defined by the Student Code of Conduct, Florida Atlantic University Regulation 4.007.~~

- ~~(b) Student Organizations. The term “Student Organizations” refers to all clubs, organizations, fraternities, sororities, Student Government and all Student Government Programs.~~
- ~~(c) Student Involvement & Leadership. The term “Student Involvement & Leadership” shall refer to the following:~~
- ~~1. Office of Student Involvement & Leadership on the Boca Raton Campus.~~
 - ~~2. Office of Student Involvement and Leadership on the Broward Campuses.~~
 - ~~3. Office of Student Involvement and Leadership on the Jupiter Campus.~~
 - ~~4. Office of Student Involvement and Leadership on the Treasure Coast Campus.~~
- ~~(d) Dean of Students. The term “Dean of Students” refers to any of the following persons or offices: Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, Associate Dean of Students, Assistant Dean of Students, or designee and their respective designees.~~
- ~~(e) Campus Recreation. The term “Campus Recreation” shall refer to:~~
- ~~1. The Department of Campus Recreation on the Boca Raton Campus, which is responsible for overseeing the sports clubs on the Boca Raton Campus.~~
 - ~~2. Student Wellness Center under the Associate Dean of Students on the Broward Campuses.~~
 - ~~3. The Department of Recreation under the auspices of Student Involvement and L~~

2. All elected or appointed (paid or volunteer) Student Government and Student Government Program positions and officers.

(g) Student Organizations. The term “Student Organizations” refers to all clubs, organizations, fraternities, and sororities at the University.

(h) Student Organization Manual. The term “Student Organization Manual” refers to the governing document, and all policies within Student Involvement and Leadership, as well as the Club Sports Handbook.

(4) STUDENT GOVERNANCE.

(a) The Senior Vice President for Student Affairs is the designated representative of the University President in all matters pertaining to ~~student~~Student life and governance.

(b) The governing organization of the Student ~~Body~~body of Florida Atlantic University is ~~known as the Student Government of Florida Atlantic University.~~ ~~Student~~ ~~Government~~ shall be organized and maintained to represent the entire student ~~body~~ of Florida Atlantic University.

(c) Student Government may adopt internal procedures, including but not limited to a constitution, statutes, and other ~~legislation;~~legislative acts (including adoption, amendments, and repeals) (collectively referred to as its “Internal Procedures”); may establish appointed or elected ~~officers~~Student Officers; and may recommend employment of personnel required to carry out its functions. All Student Government ~~internal procedures, including but not limited to all constitutions, statutes and other legislative acts,~~Internal Procedures are subject to the approval of the ~~University’s~~University Board of Trustees or its designee prior to implementation. The ~~University President may approve~~ Student Government’s annual budget is subject to approval by the University President or designee on behalf of the University Board of Trustees. ~~The All other Student Government Internal Procedures are subject to approval by the~~ Senior Vice President for Student Affairs ~~may approve all other Student Government internal procedures~~ on behalf of the University President and University Board of Trustees, ~~other than Student Government’s constitution.~~ Any ~~internal procedures~~Internal Procedures approved by the University President or designee or the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs ~~shall be consistent with~~ applicable law, FAU and Florida Board of Governors’ policies and regulations, and the best interests of the FAU ~~student~~Student body.

(d) Student Government is authorized to make recommendations through the Student Government President, a member of the University Board of Trustees, concerning all University policies, regulations, and operating procedures which significantly affect ~~students~~Students, and is authorized to nominate ~~students~~Students to serve on University committees, councils and boards which have ~~student~~Student membership or representation.

(e) Student Government shall conduct its activities in full compliance with all Federal and State of Florida ~~Laws~~laws.

(f) Any elected ~~student government official~~Student Government Officer 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

1. Entering into contractual agreements not otherwise authorized;
 2. Deviating from laws, regulations, and procedures pertaining to budgeting, allocation and/or expenditure of public funds of the State of Florida;
 3. Hiring, supervising, or terminating Student Government personnel without the approval of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.
 4. Making operational decisions for, or on behalf of ~~non, a University department, school or college or other unit outside of~~ Student Government ~~University entities~~.
- (f) The University Inspector General office shall make arrangements for audits of all accounts which receive and/or expend ~~Activity and Service~~A&S Fees.
- (g) ~~Depreciation and~~ Reserve Accounts.
1. Campus Recreation and Student Union facilities will be required to establish a ~~depreciation account~~Facility Reserve Account for repair, replacement, and renovation of physical plant, furniture/equipment, and budgetary emergencies. A minimum annual amount and policies for these accounts will be established by Student Government statutes.
 2. Other Campus Recreation programs, Wellness Centers and/or Student Unions or Student Activity Centers on the Broward, Jupiter, or Treasure Coast Campus will be required to establish a ~~depreciation account~~Facility Reserve Account for repair, replacement, and

Organization or its Student Officers or members may subject to the Student Government, Student Organization and its Student Officers and members to disciplinary action pursuant to the provisions of under the FAU Student Code of Conduct-Code. Any violation by a Student Organization or its Student Officers or members shall render the ~~organization's~~Student Organization's recognition subject to review and possible

7. When all of these documents have been submitted to and reviewed by and approved by the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and the Council of Student Organizations on its respective campus, the group is eligible for the privileges set out in this regulation for University recognized Student Organizations.
8. The petitioning organization

| ~~organization~~ Student Organization at FAU, provided that memberships such
Students meet the requirements of the organization are satisfied.

4. Student Body President and Vice President ~~positions/offices~~ must be held by Students of at least junior level ~~students~~ with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed at Florida Atlantic University.
5. Maintain a 2.5 cumulative institutional grade point average and be in good academic standing as an undergraduate ~~s~~Student.
6. Maintain a 3.0 cumulative institutional grade point average and be in good academic standing as a graduate ~~student~~Student, or at least the minimum grade point average required to remain in good standing with

Organization, then Regulation 4.007-~~Student Code of Student~~ will govern this process.

~~2.~~ Failure to pay ~~organization debts.~~

~~3.2.~~ ~~Violation~~debt of ~~the~~ Student ~~Code of Conduct.~~Organization.

~~4.3.~~ The national organization revokes the Student Organization's charter or denies affiliation.

~~5.4.~~ Non-compliance with ~~organization~~the Student Organization's registration procedures, statutes and constitution requirements.

~~6.5.~~ Falsification of any registration information.

~~7.6.~~ Violation of policies ~~or other requirements~~