



Item: AS: A-1

## COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Thursday, June 5, 2014

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION 4.006

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### PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and recommend Board of Trustee approval of the amendments to Regulation 4.006, which governs Student Government and Registered Student Organizations at Florida Atlantic University.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Student Government and Registered Student Organizations are core components of a vibrant campus life program. They provide valuable service to the University community by promoting leadership development opportunity for students, activism, community service, civic responsibility and social and cultural interactions. Each year Student Government and Registered Student Organizations sponsor conferences, seminars, lectures, debates and cultural and social events. This regulation amendment revises the University's Student Government and Registered Student Organization Regulation. It clarifies procedures for oversight, formation, qualifications and registration of Registered Student Organizations. The proposed changes are summarized as follows:

1. Revisions to relevant terms and definitions, including *Registered Student Organizations, Interest Groups, and Student Officers*.
2. Clarification of internal procedures, including the clarification of the formation process for Student Organizations; re-registration of existing Student Organizations; and orientation and training requirements for Student Government and Registered Student Organization Officers.
3. Eligibility requirements for Registered Student Organization Officers were changed to require undergraduate students to be registered for a minimum of 12 credit hours and hold a 2.5 overall (cumulative) FAU grade point average (certain Student Government Officers must now maintain a 2.7 GPA). Graduate students must now be registered for a minimum of 6 credit hours and hold a 3.25 overall (cumulative) FAU grade point average to be eligible. Additionally, the procedures for review of student eligibility were clarified to ensure that

students understand the procedural requirements for initial eligibility determinations and appeals of those determinations.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE**

Upon Board of Trustees Approval

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

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**Supporting Documentation:** N/A

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# PROPOSED

## Florida Atlantic University

### **Regulation 4.006      Student Government and Registered Student Organizations**

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(1) PURPOSE.

(a) ~~Student Organizations and~~ Student Government and Registered 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 and~~ Student Government and Registered Student Organizations 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 and Registered 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 and~~ Student Government and Registered Student Organizations members spend countless volunteer hours each academic year participating in service projects for campus and community efforts.

(2) RECOGNITION.

University recognition of a Registered Student Organization means that the Registered Student Organization has completed the requirements for University recognition and is eligible for ~~the certain privileges extended to recognized~~Registered Student Organizations. University recognition does not imply University endorsement of the activities of the Registered Student Organization or of Student Government. University recognition also does not imply that the Registered Student Organization has been granted 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 Registered Student Organizations and Student Government, it is presumed that 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) 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, and their respective designees.
- (b) ~~Senior~~-Vice President. The term “~~Senior~~-Vice President” refers to the ~~Senior~~-Vice President for Student Affairs and his/her designees.
- (c) ~~Interest Group.~~ ~~Am~~The term “Interest Group” is defined as a group of two or more currently enrolled Florida Atlantic University ~~S~~students who are degree seeking and have submitted a *Statement of Intent to Organize* form with Student Involvement & Leadership, but ~~is~~~~are~~ not yet recognized as a Registered Student Organization.
- (d) Registered Student Organization. The term “Registered Student Organization” is defined as a group of ten or more ~~degree-seeking and~~ currently enrolled Florida Atlantic University ~~S~~students who are degree seeking and- have completed the procedures for the formation ~~and approval~~ of a Registered Student Organization as outlined in this Regulation and have received recognition by the University as a Registered Student Organization.
- (~~ee~~) Student. The term “Student” is as defined in the Student Code of Conduct, Florida Atlantic University Regulation 4.007, ~~and that definition is applicable to this Regulation.~~
- (~~ef~~) Student Government. The term “Student Government” refers to Student Government and all Student Government Programs at the University. Student Government shall be the representative of all Students and is encouraged to function on campus with the recognition that ultimate authority for University affairs rests with the University Board of Trustees and ~~the administration of the University~~ administration.
- (~~eg~~) Student Involvement & Leadership. The term “Student Involvement & Leadership” shall refer to the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership ~~Department~~ on each campus.
- (~~fh~~) Student Officer. The term “Student Officer” shall refer to ~~;~~  
~~a~~All elected or appointed positions (paid or volunteer) ~~presidents, vice-presidents, treasurers, secretaries and other such officers of all~~ within Student Government or Registered Student Organizations.  
~~1. All elected or appointed (paid or volunteer) Student Government and Student Government Program positions and officers.~~
- (~~ig~~) ~~Student Organizations.~~ The term “~~Student Organizations~~” refers to ~~all clubs, organizations, fraternities, and sororities at the University~~at the University.
- (~~jh~~) Registered Student Organization Manual. The term “Registered Student Organization Manual” refers to the governing document, and all policies within Student Involvement ~~and~~& Leadership, as well as the ~~Club~~ Sports Club Handbook and/or other Registered Student Organization Manuals.

(4) STUDENT ~~GOVERNANCE~~GOVERNMENT.

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

- (b) The governing organization of the Student 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 legislative acts (including adoption, amendments, and repeals) (collectively referred to as its “Internal Procedures”); may establish elected or appointed ~~or elected~~ Student Officers positions; and may recommend employment of personnel required to carry out its functions. All Student Government Internal Procedures ~~are subject to the approval of~~ must be approved by the University Board of Trustees or its designee prior to implementation. The University Board of Trustees delegates its approval authority over ~~The Student Government’s annual budget is subject to approval by to~~ the University President or designee ~~on behalf of the University Board of Trustees.~~ The University Board of Trustees delegates its approval authority over a All other Student Government Internal Procedures ~~are subject to approval by to~~ the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student Affairs or designee, on behalf of the University President and University Board of Trustees. Any Internal Procedures approved by the University President or designee or the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student Affairs ~~shall~~ must be consistent with applicable law, FAU and Florida Board of Governors’ policies and regulations, and must generally serve the best interests of the FAU 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, and is authorized to nominate Students to serve on University committees, councils and boards which have Student membership or representation.
- (e) Student Government shall conduct its activities in full compliance with all applicable Federal and State of Florida laws and FAU and BOG regulations, rules and policies.
- (f) Any elected or appointed Student Government Officer who pleads guilty, no contest, receives deferred prosecution (or similar disposition) or is convicted of a ~~violation of a~~ felony or is found civilly liable for an act of moral turpitude will be immediately suspended from office and temporarily replaced. The University President or his/her designee will appoint a temporary replacement if Student Government’s succession process is unable to produce a replacement within ten (10) business days. If the plea, 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 under ~~of~~ the Florida Atlantic University Student Code of Conduct, Regulation 4.007.
- (g) All Student Government Officers must undergo orientation and training provided by the Dean of Students or his/her designee, within 1 month of assuming office. ~~Failure to undergo orientation and/or training will result in being removed from elected or appointed office.~~ Orientation and ~~The~~ training may include but is not

limited to workshops, presentations, retreats, trainings, seminars and/or academic courses. Failure to undergo orientation and/or training may result in being removed from elected or appointed office. Exemptions may be provided by the Dean of Students or his/her designee upon request by the Student Government Officer with appropriate justification for such an exemption.

- (h) Student Government shall be granted certain privileges as approved by the FAU Division of Student Affairs or as otherwise granted under applicable law, regulation or policy. ~~These privileges are described in the Student Government Constitution and Statutes Organization Manual.~~

(5) ACTIVITY AND SERVICE (A&S) FEES FUND MANAGEMENT.

- (a) Purpose.
  - 1. To assure full and complete implementation of Federal and State of Florida law and compliance with all other applicable laws, policies and regulations; and
  - 2. To facilitate effective interaction between the University ~~staff~~ and ~~the~~ Student Government in the allocation and expenditure of funds derived from ~~Activity and Service (A&S) Fees.~~
- (b) All A&S Fees shall be maintained in accounts kept by the FAU Controller's Office. All contracts and purchases shall be made in accordance with University regulations and policies and all appointments and payments of personnel shall be made in accordance with University personnel and payment procedures.
- (c) All Student Government purchases, contracts, expenditures and disbursements must be reviewed and approved by the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student Affairs or designee.
- (d) At the end of each University fiscal year, unexpended A&S Fees shall be carried over and remain in the A&S Fees account for reallocation by Student Government in the subsequent fiscal year.
- (e) The authority and responsibility to determine the allocation and expenditure of A&S funds initially rests with Student Government, subject to the right of the University President or his/her designee to veto any allocation or expenditure. Furthermore, Student Government shall be prohibited from:
  - 1. ~~Entering into~~ Negotiating contractual agreements without prior authorization ~~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 Sstudent personnel without the approval of the ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student Affairs.
  - 4. Making operational decisions for, or on behalf of, a University department, school or college or other unit outside of Student Government.
- (f) The University Inspector General office shall make arrangements for audits of all accounts which receive and/or expend A&S Fees.
- (g) Reserve Accounts.

1. Campus Recreation and Student Union facilities will be required to ~~establish~~maintain a 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, ~~or~~ Jupiter, ~~or~~ Treasure Coast Campus will be required to ~~establish~~maintain a 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.
3. The ~~Senior~~ Vice President for Student Affairs' Office will be required to ~~establish~~maintain a University wide reserve account for A&S fees. This reserve will be utilized for cash flow needs, enrollment shortfalls, and budgetary emergencies. A minimum annual amount and policies for these accounts will be established by Student Government statutes.

(6) GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

- (a) ~~All Student Organizations and~~ Student Government and Registered Student Organizations are under the jurisdiction of the FAU Division of Student Affairs. The responsibility for establishing and enforcing policy concerning ~~Student Organizations and~~ Student Government, Registered Student Organizations and their respective activities, including the requirement that they function in accordance with their constitutions, statutes and bylaws (if any), is vested in the FAU Division of Student Affairs. ~~All Student Organizations and~~ Student Government and all Registered Student Organizations are subject to the policies, procedures, rules and regulations governing or promulgated by the University and/or the Florida Board of Governors, including but not limited to the Student Code of Conduct, ~~Honor~~ Code of Academic Integrity, Alcohol, Tobacco and Drug policies, Anti-hazing Policy, and all requirements contained in the Registered Student Organization Manual and Student Government Accounting and Budget Office Manual.
- (b) ~~Furthermore,~~ Student Government's and each Registered Student Organization's purposes and activities shall comply with applicable provisions of the United States Constitution; Federal, State and local laws; the Constitution of the State of Florida; rules, policies, procedures and regulations of the Florida Board of Governors and Florida Atlantic University; and all requirements contained in the Registered Student Organization Manual or otherwise required by ~~the Office of~~ Student Involvement & Leadership. The purposes and activities of Student Government and ~~each~~ all Registered Student Organizations shall also comply with the constitutions of the Student Government and the particular Registered Student Organization, respectively. Student Government, Registered Student Organizations and their Student Officers and members are responsible and

accountable for all actions of Student Government and such Registered Student Organizations, respectively. Any violation under this section by Student Government, any Registered Student Organization or its Student Officers or members may subject the Student Government, Registered Student Organization and its Student Officers and members to disciplinary action under the FAU Student Code of Conduct. Any violation by a Registered Student Organization or its Student Officers or members shall render the Registered Student Organization's recognition subject to review and possible cancellation or revocation.

- (c) The University does not provide insurance to Student Government or Registered ~~Registered~~ Student Organizations or its Student Officers or members.
- (d) Neither Registered Student Organizations, Student Government nor Students may enter into agreements or contracts which purport to bind the University for any purpose.
- (e) The University reserves the right to register all Registered Student Organizations and maintain current information on each Registered Student Organization, its Student Officers, members –or authorized representatives, its purpose and its advisor, including social fraternities and sororities. ~~The Office of Student Involvement & Leadership on each campus~~ serves as the University registrant of all Registered Student Organizations.
- (f) It is the policy of Florida Atlantic University that Student Government and Registered Student Organizations ~~and Student Government~~ must be in full compliance with all applicable Federal and State nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws, orders and regulations. Neither Student Government nor Registered ~~registered~~ Student Organizations shall discriminate against a Student Officer, member or prospective member on any prohibited basis identified in FAU Regulation 5.010~~the basis of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, disability, unfavorable discharge from the military or status as a disabled veteran~~, except if specifically exempted by law. Student Government and All Registered Student Organizations ~~Student Government~~ shall be open to all currently enrolled FAU Students, except if specifically exempted by law.
- ~~(g) Each member and Student Officer of Student Government or a Registered Student Organization must be a currently enrolled, degree-seeking FAU Student.~~
- ~~(h) All Student Officers of Student Government or Student Organizations must be degree-seeking Students and may serve in the same position or office for a maximum of two (2) terms during the academic career of such Student. A Student's academic career includes his/her undergraduate, graduate, and professional course work.~~

(7) PRIVILEGES OF REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

~~Recognized~~Registered Student Organizations ~~registered with~~recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership~~the~~ FAU Division of Student Affairs may be granted certain privileges as approved by the ~~FAU~~ Division of Student Affairs or as otherwise granted under applicable law, regulation or policy. These privileges are described in the Registered Student Organization Manual.



(8) PROCEDURE FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION.

(a) Statement of Intent to Organize: Any Student(s) wanting to begin a new Student Organization Interest Groups shall file, within the first six weeks of the fall or spring semester, or within the first three weeks of the summer semester, a Statement of Intent to Organize form with ~~the Office of~~ Student Involvement & Leadership on the campus on which they wish to organize.

1. After submitting the completed form to ~~the Office of~~ Student Involvement & Leadership, and receiving approval confirmation that they are an Interest Group, the group may then hold and advertise meetings on campus, as well as be granted privileges as outlined in the Registered Student Organization Manual. This is considered provisional status.
2. ~~The~~ provisional status is granted for six weeks following the filing of the Statement of Intent to Organize, during which time the Interest Group group shall submit an Official Petition for Registration.
3. Failure to submit an Official Petition for Registration within the six week provisional period ~~of provisional status~~ shall result in the deactivation ~~loss of provisional status~~ ~~deactivate the interest~~ Student Organization. At this point, the Interest Group group will not be able to function as an Student Organization ~~interest~~ Interest Group and ~~may~~ will no longer be entitled to the privileges associated with such status. ~~Privileges afford to registered Student Organizations.~~

(b) Official Petition for Registration: The Official Petition for Registration of an Interest Group ~~shall be filed as soon as the membership of the organization interest group~~ Interest Group ~~is largely complete and~~ must be filed ~~occur~~ within the six week period of provisional status. The Official Petition for Registration shall include:

1. The names, signatures and FAU Student ID numbers of two (2) currently enrolled, degree seeking founding Students.
2. The names, signatures and Student ID numbers of at least 10 currently enrolled, degree seeking FAU Students, including Student Officers ~~(depending on the specific requirements of the campus)~~, who are members of the proposed Student Organization. The two (2) founding Sstudents can be a part of may be included within this 10 Sstudent requirement.
3. The Student Organization's Constitution. All Rregistered Student Organizations are required to have a constitution, as further described in the Registered Student Organization Manual. The constitution may include bylaws, and/or statutes. ~~A constitution is a document that defines the long term purpose of the organization and the structure of the organization.~~ The constitution should only be changed through a clearly defined amendment process. ~~The process should include advance notice, one week discussion and more than a simple majority vote.~~ The Office of Student Involvement & Leadership must review ~~approve~~ all constitutions, and bylaws ~~and statutes~~ for compliance with University Regulations and

~~Policies changes. See the Registered Student Organization Manual for guidelines in writing a constitution/or:~~

~~4. The Student Organization's bylaws/statutes. The bylaws/statutes define how an organization carries out business. The bylaws/statutes should define committee structure or other operational aspects of the Student Organization. When these become firmly established in practice they should be inserted in the constitution by amendment. Rules and procedures may develop as the Student Organization grows. Such rules and procedures may describe program, budget and committee structure pertaining to the Student Organization.~~

~~5.4. \_\_\_\_\_ The name, telephone number, and FAU email address of the Registered Student Organization's advisor. The advisor must be a full-time faculty or AMP/SP staff member employed by Florida Atlantic University.~~

~~6.5. \_\_\_\_\_ If the Registered Student Organization is affiliated with an off-campus organization, the constitution of the parentsuch organization must also be filed.~~

~~e) — (c) Registered Student Organization Status: When all of these the above documents have been submitted to, and reviewed, and processed and approved and approved by the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and the Council of Student Organizations on its respective campus, the Interest Group group may be granted Registered Student Organization status and may be is eligible for the privileges set out in this regulation and the Registered Student Organization Manual. for University FAU Registered recognized Student Organizations.~~

~~The petitioning Student Organization Interest Ggroup will be notified in writing by the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership of its acceptance registration recognition or, in cases of denial, the reasons for denial. In cases of denial, the petitioning Student Organization Interest Group may submit an appeal in writing to the Dean of Students or his/her designee within five (5) business days on its respective campus.~~

(9) RE-REGISTRATION OF AN EXISTING REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION.

~~Registered Student Organizations need to must re-register annually re-register each spring semester. Registered Student Organizations and must also re-register or immediately notify Student Involvement and Leadership if changes occur to their Student Officers and/or advisor change, and is are of the Registered Student Organization change. responsible for notifying Student Involvement & Leadership of any updates or changes in the operations of the Registered Student Organization.~~

~~On the last day of the spring semester, the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership will suspend deactivate all Registered Student Organizations that have not re-registered. A suspended deactivated Student Organization will no longer not be able to function as a recognized Registered Student Organization and will forfeit University privileges as described hereunder. If a Registered Student Organization does not successfully re-register by the spring semester deadline, it will need to file as a new Student Organization during the first six weeks of the fall semester. A deactivated Student Organization that~~

~~wishes to regain recognition must comply with the procedures described above under Procedure for the Formation of a New Student Organization will need to file anew as an Interest Group during the first six weeks of the fall semester.~~

Registered Students Organizations are required to comply with the following in order to be satisfactorily re-registered:

Spring Semester Requirement

- (a) ~~(a)~~—Complete the online re-registration process, including submitting an updated and a full Sstudent roster with a minimum of 10 currently enrolled, degree seeking FAU SsStudent members, including at least two Student Officers; as well as submitting a current or n updated constitution.

Fall Semester Requirement

- (a**b**) Two Student Officers must attend the annual Student Leadership Conference hosted by the Division of Student Affairs.
- (b**e**) Two Student Officers must attend the annual Hazing Prevention Summit hosted by the Division of Student Affairs.
- (c) Two Student Officers must complete the online Registered Student Organization Training.
- (d) Two Student Officers must complete the Fiscal Certification Training if the Registered Student Organization is funded through A&S fees.
- (e) The advisor to the Registered Student Organization ~~Advisor~~ must attend the annual aAdvisor training hosted by the Division of Student Affairs.

Failure of the Registered Student Organization to comply with the requirements for the spring semester will result in the loss of the organization's registration status at the end of the spring semester. Failure of the Registered Student Organization to comply with the requirements for the fall semester will result in the loss of the organization's registration status at the end of the fall semester in October. A Registered Student Organization that has lost its registration status will no longer be able to function as a Registered Student Organization and will forfeit its University privileges ~~as described hereunder.~~ A Registered Student Organization that has lost its registration status and desires to regain its registration status must comply with the procedures for the Formation of a New Registered Student Organization, as described above.

~~The Registered Student Organization is responsible for notifying the Office of Student Involvement and & Leadership on its respective campus of any updates or changes in the operations of the Registered Student Organization.~~

(10) QUALIFICATIONS FOR STUDENT OFFICERS IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

- (a) All currently enrolled, degree seeking FAU Students ~~may be~~ are eligible to be Student Officers ~~in Student Government and any recognized Registered Student Organization~~ at FAU, provided ~~that~~ such Students meet the requirements of this Regulation and the constitutions/bylaws/statutes of e particular Registered Student

- ~~Organization or Student Government or the respective applicable Registered Student Organization, as applicable, respectively (and provided that such requirements are consistent with this regulation).~~
- (b) ~~Student Government and Registered Student Organization~~ candidates for Student Officer positions must meet the minimum eligibility requirements as stated in this regulation prior to election or appointment.
- (c) ~~The Dean of Students and/or The Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and/or the Dean of Students~~ will verify eligibility ~~each semester of the all~~ each semester of the all ~~and appointed and elected~~ Student Officers ~~of all Student Government and registered Registered Student Organizations and Student Government, respectively~~. ~~This verification will occur during the first two weeks of at the fall, and spring, and summer semesters for the elected and appointed Student Officers. of Student Government and Registered Student Organizations. The Dean of Students and/or Student Involvement & Leadership will also verify eligibility for elected and appointed Student Officers of Student Government during the first two weeks of the summer term.~~
- (d) Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in this Regulation will be deemed ~~as disqualified ineligible~~ to serve as Student Officers, ~~and be required to relinquish their office immediately upon notification (subject to the appeals process described below).~~
- (e) The privilege of representing the 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 the University, when, due to their misconduct, such participation would reflect poorly on the University. ~~Failure to comply with the provisions of this section may result in disciplinary action being taken against the Student pursuant to the Florida Atlantic University Regulation 4.007, Student Code of Conduct.~~
- (f) To be eligible to run and/or hold ~~run and/or hold~~ Student Officer positions in Student Government or any Registered Student Organization, a Student must meet the following University standards. These ~~eriteria~~ standards are separate from and in addition to any other eriteria ~~standards~~ for office that a ~~Registered Student Organization or Student Government or a Registered Student Organization~~ may set for itself, and emphasize the necessary balance ~~that should exist~~ between academics standards and commitment to student involvement ~~development~~, as described in the University's mission statement. To this end, in order for a Florida Atlantic University Student, ~~either undergraduate or graduate~~, to be eligible to ~~be appointed to or to run and/or hold~~ run and/or hold ~~Student Officer positions office/position in Student Government or a Registered Student Organization~~, a Student must meet the following minimum standards ~~eriteria~~:
1. General Provisions for All Undergraduate and Graduate Students.
    - a. Students may not be on academic or student conduct probation, unless an exemption is granted by the Dean of Students Office.
    - b. Student Officers must be currently enrolled degree seeking Students.
    - c. Students who do not otherwise meet the requirements of this section but who have received approval from the Dean of Students or his/her

designee to have a reduced course load, or other waiver(s) of these standards are eligible to hold Student Officer positions.

d. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, Students in their last semester before graduation are eligible to ~~participate~~ hold in Student Officer ~~activities~~ positions if they are enrolled for the required number of credits needed for graduation that semester. This provision shall only apply for one term.

1.2. ~~Undergraduate Students.~~

a. Students must ~~b~~Be enrolled a minimum of ~~twelve to fifteen six (12-156)~~ credit hours in the fall ~~semester~~ and ~~twelve to fifteen six (12-156)~~ credit hours in the spring semesters, ~~if an undergraduate Student, and not required to register for the summer term by registering for the fall semester.~~ For the summer semester, a Student need not be currently enrolled to remain eligible to hold ~~office/position~~ a Student Officer position, but must demonstrate intent to return in the fall semester by being registered for a minimum of ~~twelve to fifteen (12-15)~~ credit hours in the fall semester.

~~b.~~

e.b. Students must ~~m~~Maintain a 2.5 overall (ecumulative) FAU grade point average and ~~not~~ be on academic or student conduct ~~disciplinary probation~~ ~~be in good academic standing as an undergraduate Student.~~ These requirements apply to Summer Term, if attended.

2. ~~Graduate Students.~~

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a. ~~Students must b~~Be enrolled a minimum of ~~six to three (6-3)~~ credit hours in the fall ~~semester~~ and ~~six to nine three (6-93)~~ credit hours in the ~~s~~spring semesters, ~~if a graduate Student, and not required to register for the summer term by registering for the fall semester.~~ For the summer semester, a Student need not be currently enrolled to remain eligible to hold office/position, but must demonstrate intent to return in the fall semester by being registered for a minimum of ~~six to nine (6-9)~~ credit hours in the fall semester.

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b. Students must ~~m~~Maintain a 3.250 cumulative FAU grade point average and ~~not~~ be on academic or student conduct ~~disciplinary probation~~ ~~be in good academic standing as a graduate Student.~~ These requirements apply to Summer Term, if attended, ~~or at least the minimum grade point average required to remain in good standing with the graduate or professional program in which they are enrolled, and otherwise be in good academic standing~~

3. ~~Additional Requirements for Select~~Certain ~~Student Government Officers.~~

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- a. At the time of the Student Government Declaration of Candidacy deadline for Student Body President and Vice President, the Student must have already been admitted into a degree program at FAU for the full term of office ~~they are seeking~~sought. In order to run for the offices of Student Body President and Vice President, the candidate must be academically eligible to serve his/her entire term in the same degree seeking status (undergraduate or graduate) in which ~~they~~he/she declared candidacy. ~~Consequently, if~~If a Student is elected as an undergraduate the Student must be eligible to complete their entire term as an undergraduate student. If a Student is elected as a graduate the Student must be eligible to complete their entire term as a graduate student.
- b. The Students holding the Student Government offices of Student Body President, Vice President, Campus Governor ~~and Student Court Justice~~ must maintain ~~Maintain~~an overall (~~cumulative~~) and previous ~~semester~~term FAU grade point average of 2.7 or higher for undergraduate Students or 3.25 or higher for graduate Students ~~for FAU cumulative and previous term institutional FAU grade point average~~ and not be on academic or student conduct~~disciplinary~~ probation. These requirements apply to Summer Term, if attended. ~~be in good academic standing in their undergraduate, graduate or professional program to run and hold the Student Government positions of Student Body President, Vice President, Campus Governor and Student Court Justices. At the time of the Student Government Declaration of Candidacy deadline or appointment for these Student Officers positions, the Student must have already been admitted into a degree program at FAU for the full term of office that they are seeking to be elected or appointed.~~
- a. —
- c. The offices of Student Body President and Vice President ~~may only be held by currently enrolled, degree seeking undergraduate Students with a minimum of~~ ~~must be held by Students of at least junior level with a minimum of~~ 30 credit hours completed at Florida Atlantic University or by currently enrolled, degree seeking Graduate Students with a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours completed at Florida Atlantic University.
- d. The Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Campus Governor, Chief Justice, Associate Justices, Speaker of the House, and Student Government Program Directors ~~All Student Officers of Student Government~~ must be degree-seeking, currently enrolled Students and may serve in the same position or office for a maximum of two (2) terms (two academic years) during the academic career of such Student. ~~This term limit requirement applies exclusively to the positions of Student Body President, Student Body Vice President, Campus Governor, Chief Justice, Associate Justices, Speaker of the House, and Student Government Program Directors. All~~No other

Student Officers of Student Government, including but not limited to House of Representatives, Student Government Program Associate Director, Assistant Directors and Coordinators, must be degree-seeking, currently enrolled Students and may hold the same position or office for ~~more than~~ a maximum of four (4) terms (four academic years) during the academic career of such Student. A Student's academic career includes his/her undergraduate, graduate, and professional course work.

b.e. Upon election and throughout their term of office, the Student Body President and Student Body Vice President may not hold any other employment (on or off-campus), or serve in any other elected or appointed position within Student Government or any Registered Student Organization.

4. ~~All Undergraduate and Graduate Students:~~

~~a. Be free of any financial holds to the University or receive a deferment by the end of the Drop/Add period each semester.~~

~~Be free of any Student Code of Conduct sanctions unless an exemption is granted by the Dean of Students Office.~~

~~b. Undergraduate Student Officers must be currently enrolled, degree seeking Students, but not necessarily in a selected major as an undergraduate Student.~~

~~e. Students interested in holding offices who have not completed a full term and do not have a FAU cumulative grade point average must obtain permission from the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and/or the Dean of Students Office in order to be eligible. The high school or transferring grade point average must meet the minimum qualifications for the Student to run and hold a Student Officer position.~~

~~d. Students who do not otherwise meet the requirements of this section but who have received approval from the Dean of Students to have a reduced course load, or other waiver(s) of these standards, due to a disability that has been registered with the Office of Students with Disabilities, are eligible to hold Student Officer positions in Student Government and/or Registered Student Organizations as described herein.~~

~~Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, Students in their last semester before graduation are eligible to participate in Student Officer activities if they are enrolled for the required number of~~

~~credits needed for graduation that semester. This provision shall only apply for one term.~~

(fg) A Request for Review of Ineligibility Appeals.—Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements to hold elected or appointed Student Officer positions ~~office~~ in Student Government or any Registered Student Organization shall receive written notification from Student Involvement & Leadership or his/her designee. Students may seek review of their ineligibility as follows: ~~and are deemed disqualified may appeal such decision.~~

1. A request for review Appeals under this Regulation of non-eligibility decisions for current Student Officers (i.e. officer sworn into office or appointed) under this regulation must be submitted in writing by the affected Student to the Dean of Students Office ~~on the appropriate campus or the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs~~ within ~~three (3) five (5)~~ business days ~~of~~ after notification of ~~ineligibility non-eligibility.~~ Students can submit their request through the Dean of Students website using the online form located at <http://www.fau.edu/dean/sleappeal.php>.
2. The request must state the grounds upon which the Sstudent seeks review of his/her ~~their~~ ineligibility. The Student may provide additional supporting documentation to support ~~their~~ his/her eligibility by delivering those documents to the Dean of Students Office for consideration within ~~three (3) business days of~~ after the notification of ineligibility. ~~The Dean of Students Office will submit the appeal to the Eligibility Appeals Board.~~
3. Within five (5) business days after the request has been received, the Dean of Students or his/her designee shall render a decision on the request for review and shall notify the Sstudent of that decision in writing.
4. Once the decision of the Dean of Students has been rendered, the Student has the right to appeal that decision. A request for appeal must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Students Office within three (3) business days of the decision by the Dean of Students. Students can submit an ~~their~~ appeal through the Dean of Students website using the online form located at <http://www.fau.edu/dean/sleappeal.php>. Failure to submit a timely appeal will result in immediate relinquishment of the office.
5. Once that appeal is received, an Eligibility Appeals Board shall be convened and the Sstudent will be notified in writing of the date, time and location of the hearing. The Eligibility Appeals Board hHearing will be scheduled no earlier than two (2) business days after this notification.
6. The Eligibility Appeals Board shall ~~be comprised~~ consist of two Students, one faculty member, and one Student Affairs staff member. The Student Affairs staff member will be chair of the Board. The Senior Vice President for Student Affairs shall appoint this Board as needed.



The Eligibility Appeals Board members are selected through an annual application and training process.

7. The Eligibility Appeals Board shall consider the Student's appeal, including any documentation provided in support of that appeal, and shall provide the Student with an opportunity to make a statement at the hearing.

~~2. The appeal must state the grounds for appealing the decision. The Student may provide additional supporting documentation for the appeal.~~

~~8. A response~~ Within two (2) business days after the hearing, the Student's appeal will be given by the Eligibility Appeals Board will provide a recommendation on the Student's Appeal to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs, who shall render a final decision on the Student's eligibility. The Senior Vice President for Student Affairs can may accept or deny the Board's recommendations and will issue his/her final decision in writing within five (5) business days of receipt of a reasonable period of time after receiving the recommendation, within five (5) business days of receipt of the appeal, at which time a hearing will may be scheduled before the Eligibility Appeals Board. The student will remain in his/her their Student Officer's position pending the final decision of the Eligibility Appeals Board. the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs.

~~3. The decision of the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs Eligibility Appeals Board is final.~~

~~4.9. The Eligibility Appeals Board shall be comprised of two Students, two faculty members, and one Student Affairs staff member. The Student Affairs staff member will be chair of the Board. The Senior Vice President for Student Dean of Students Office Affairs shall appoint this Board as needed.~~

~~5. An Eligibility Appeals Board decision will be given within five (5) business days of the scheduled hearing.~~

~~6. During the appeal process a candidate for a Student Officer position may be appointed, in the determination of the Division of Student Affairs, to the position in question, on an interim basis, in order to fulfill necessary duties.~~

~~The decision of the Eligibility Appeals Board is final.~~

(11) STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION EVENT REGISTRATION.

All events and activities of Student Government and Registered Student Organizations must be registered with the Student Union Administration Office or designee the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership on their respective applicable campus/campuses and must comply with policies and procedures set forth in the Registered Student Organization Manual and Student Event Planning Policy and Procedures. Event

registration by Student Government and Registered Student Organizations does not constitute sponsorship or endorsement of the event by Florida Atlantic University.

(12) SUSPENSION OF A REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATION'S REGISTRATION.

(a) A Registered ~~Registered~~ Student Organization's registration ~~'s registration~~ may be suspended ~~by the Office of Student Involvement and & Leadership~~ for any ~~one~~ of the following reasons:

1. Violation of University regulations, policies and procedures and/or State, Federal or local laws or any other violation under section 7 above of the provisions of this Regulation. In the event that the violation rises to the level of a violation of the Student Code of Conduct, FAU Regulation 4.007 will (Student Code of Conduct) apply to in the suspension or revocation. The procedures contained in Regulation 4.007 will govern this process. ed registration of a Student Organization, then FAU Regulation 4.007 and the procedures contained therein will govern this process.

~~1.2.~~ Failure to maintain a membership of 10 currently enrolled degree seeking FAU Sstudents.

~~2.3.~~ Failure to pay debts or other financial obligations incurred by of the Registered Student Organization.

~~3.~~ The international, national, regional or local organization revokes the Registered Student Organization's charter or denies affiliation.

~~4.~~

~~4.5.~~ Non-compliance with the Registered Student Organization's registration procedures, statutes and constitution requirements.

~~5.6.~~ Falsification of any registration information.

Failure to meet the Violation of policies or other requirements stated in the Registered Student Organization Manual.

~~7.~~

(b) For suspensions other than those processed in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The Office of Student Involvement and & Leadership or designee will send written notice of the suspension to the Registered Student Organization President and its theirthe Registered Student Organization's advisorOrganization's advisor. Procedures for appeal of suspension of a Registered Student Organization registration for issues not related to the Student Code of Conduct as set forth in paragraph (12)(a)(1), above, are as follows:

~~1.~~ The Registered Student Organization may appeal the suspension decision in writing to the Dean of Students within five (5) business days of receipt of the notice of after notification of suspension.

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2. The Dean of Students will review the basis for the Office of Student Involvement and & Leadership's decision but will not be required to initiate a de novo factual investigation.

3. Notwithstanding the above, the Dean of Students may, but is not required to, direct that further facts be gathered or that additional remedial action

be taken by the Registered Student Organization. The Dean of Students may also decide to uphold or overturn the decision of ~~the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership or designee.~~

4. The Dean of Students shall provide the Registered Student Organization written notice of his/her decision. The Dean of Students' action shall constitute final agency action and there will be no further appeals within the University.

*Specific Authority: Article IX of the Florida Constitution, 1001.706 F.S., 1004.26 F.S., and Board of Governors Regulations 1.001, 6.010, 6.0105 and 6.014; History—Amended 11-11-1987, 1-17-2007, 6-23-2010, 11-16-2011, 6-XX-14.*