

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Date: April 19, 2007

REGULATION TITLE:
Student Affairs: Student Leader Eligibility

REGULATION NO.:
6C1-4.003

SUMMARY: The amendment raises the minimum GPA requirements and modifies other requirements for undergraduate or graduate students to hold leadership positions in student organizations.

AUTHORITY: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation you are commenting on.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS: Rebecca J. Holt, Administrative Assistant, 123 Tigert Hall, Post Office Box 113125, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, 352-392-1358 office, 352-392-4387 facsimile, regulations@ufl.edu.

NAME OF PERSON WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Patricia Telles-Irvin, Vice President for Student Affairs

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.

~~RULES~~REGULATIONS OF
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

6C1-4.003 Student Affairs: Student ~~Organizations~~Leader Eligibility.

(1) All students are free to join student organizations at the University, subject to all applicable University regulations, policies and procedures. Registration and official recognition of student organizations- is administered by the Center for Student Involvement. All student organizations must be officially registered in order to meet on campus, and to use University facilities. ~~All organizations are under the jurisdiction of the Assistant Director for Student Organizations.~~ All student organizations and groups are subject to the ~~rules~~regulations and policies of the University of Florida, including but not limited to, ~~Rules~~Regulations 6C1-4.016 and 6C1-4.017, ~~F.A.C.~~, concerning the Student Conduct Code and Academic Honesty Guidelines.~~the Student Honor Code.~~

~~————(2)———— In order to hold an elected or appointed student office in a student organization or student government group other than the Village Commission, a student must:~~

~~————(a)———— Be registered as a full-time (12 credits) student in the Fall and Spring semesters or be a full-time graduate student as described in (h) below;~~

~~————(b)———— During Summer terms, be registered for a minimum of one (1) semester hour taken during Summer terms A, B, or C. Officers of student organizations that do not actively function during the Summer terms are not required to be enrolled during any of the Summer terms;~~

~~————(c)———— Have a minimum 2.0 cumulative academic average, a minimum 2.0 academic average for the previous semester, and be free of academic warning or probation;~~

(2) The following are minimum eligibility requirements for any student to hold a leadership position in an officially registered student organization at the University of Florida. Student organizations are encouraged to consider higher requirements if appropriate for their specific group. In order to hold an elected or appointed office in a student organization, a student must:

(a) Be enrolled in a degree-seeking program at the University as an undergraduate, graduate, professional, or postgraduate student. Postgraduate student shall include enrollment as a post-baccalaureate student;

(b) Meet requirements for full-time registration and academic standing described below:

1. Undergraduate students must be registered for twelve (12) credits in the Fall and Spring semesters, have a minimum 2.5 cumulative academic average and cannot have an academic warning or be on academic probation;

2. Graduate and professional students must meet the requirements for full-time status for the graduate or professional program in which they are enrolled, or be registered for eight (8) credits if appointed to a half-time graduate assistantship, or nine (9) credits if appointed to a one-third time graduate assistantship. Graduate and professional students must also have a minimum of 3.0 cumulative academic average, 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. Postgraduate students, including post-baccalaureate students, must be enrolled for at least twelve (12) credits. Postgraduate students may not hold an office in a student organization for more than one semester while in postgraduate status.

(c) Correspondence courses will not be considered for (a) or (b) above. Students will be allowed to enroll for one in-residence course at another college or university and have those credits count toward full-time status only if that course is a required course and is either not offered at the University in the current semester, or is full during that semester. The foregoing provision may only be used by a student for one semester, and the student must present documentation from the academic department showing the course was either not offered at the University or was full as described above;

(d) ~~Be free of any~~Have no late or delinquent obligation for fees or ~~payments~~other late or delinquent debts owed to the University; and

(e) Be free of conduct probation;

~~——(f)—— Be in a degree-seeking program, or be enrolled for at least twelve (12) credits as a postgraduate student, which includes a post-baccalaureate student;~~

~~——(g)—— Correspondence courses do not count in the determination of full-time status. Students will be able to enroll for one in-residence course at another college or university and have those credits count toward full-time status only if that course is a required course and is not offered or the course was full during that semester. This provision may only be used during one semester. The student must present documentation of this from the academic department;~~

~~——(h)—— In the case of graduate students, be a full-time registered student as determined by his/her college, or registered for eight (8) credits if he or she holds a half-time graduate assistantship, or nine credits if he or she holds a one-third-time appointment. The student must also be in good academic standing with the Graduate School;~~

~~——(i)—— In the case of a student in postgraduate status, including post-baccalaureate students, be enrolled for at least twelve (12) credits. Provided, however, that a student may not~~

~~participate as an officer in a student organization for more than one semester while holding postgraduate status.~~

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (2)(a) and (b) of this ~~regulation~~rule, students in the last semester before graduation are eligible for participation in campus activities if they are enrolled for the required number of credits needed for graduation that term.

(4) Students who otherwise meet the requirements of subsection (2) (a) and (b), but who have received approval from the Dean of Students' office to have a reduced course load due to a registered disability, are eligible to hold leadership positions in student organizations as described herein.~~Students who meet the requirements of subsections (2)(a) and (b) at the beginning of the semester in which they participate in student organizations and who are registered with the Dean of Students Office are eligible for continued participation with reduced credit loads. Students who need to reduce their credit load must petition the Student Activities Appeals Committee if they desire to continue participation with a student organization. The Student Activities Appeals Committee in conjunction with the Dean of Students will then review the request and make a decision to approve or deny.~~

(5) Students not meeting the eligibility requirements as outlined in this policy will be required to relinquish their office. If a student no longer meets the eligibility requirements, he or she must notify the faculty/staff advisor and the highest ranking officer in the organization other than the student, in writing of the student's ineligibility at the time he or she becomes ineligible. If, however, the ineligibility is due to the student's cumulative academic average, the student is required to notify the Center for Student Involvement prior to the first day of classes of the next semester. Appeals of this policy must be filed within ten (10) days of when the basis for the ineligibility occurs.~~Appeals to this policy~~

(6) The Dean of Students Office shall conduct eligibility checks for each of the student positions outlined in section (7) each term. Students not meeting the eligibility requirements will be notified by the Dean of Students Office that they must relinquish their offices. Appeals of any such notice must have been accepted by the ninth full week of the semester. Summer terms are not included. After the ninth full week of the semester, appeals will only be heard when the student sets forth exceptional circumstances in be filed within ten (10) days of the date on the appeal.

~~(6) If a student withdraws from the University two times in four semesters, the student will not be allowed to hold an office in any organization for one complete semester after the second withdrawal from the university.~~

~~(7) The Dean of Students Office shall conduct eligibility checks on appointed notice and elected student officers of all registered student organizations and major committee chairpersons each term. Students not meeting the eligibility requirements as outlined in this rule will be required to relinquish their offices. Appeals of any such decision will be heard by the Student Activities Appeals Committee, chaired by the Dean of Students, and consisting of staff from the Reitz Union, the Division Department of Housing and Residential Education, an academic advisor, and two students appointed by the Student Body President.~~

~~(8) Appointed~~7) Elected or appointed student leadership positions ~~that fall under to~~ which this ~~rule~~regulation applies are ~~those~~ student leadership positions in student organizations that are all-University in their scope and responsibility. A list of these organizations is available in the University of Florida Center for Student Involvement.

~~Specific Authority 1001.74(4) FS.~~

~~Law Implemented 1001.74(10) FS.~~

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