

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

Date: July 30, 2008

**REGULATION TITLE:**  
Social Fraternities and Sororities

**REGULATION NO.:**  
6C1-4.004

**SUMMARY:** The general principles relating to social sororities and fraternities are set forth. The regulation sets forth the requirements for classification as a social sorority or fraternity as set forth by the Department of Education and the University. Social sororities and fraternities may exist as registered student organizations at the University and shall be governed by the applicable policies, guidelines, and regulations of the University. In addition, the governance structure of social sororities and fraternities includes student input and participation. New social sororities and fraternities must complete the University's expansion process as outlined in the Policy Expansion for Social Sororities and Fraternities. No social sorority or fraternity shall be registered at the University without approval by the Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs and affiliation with a designated governing council. Social sororities and fraternities that operate a residential unit must abide by the facility and management policies contained in this regulation. The University may withhold, revoke or suspend the registration of any social sorority or fraternity that fails to adhere to University regulations, policies, and/or guidelines.

**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.**

REGULATIONS~~RULES~~ OF  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

6C1-4.004 ~~Student Affairs~~: Social Fraternities and Sororities.

(1) Social sororities and fraternities are student organizations that are founded on the principles of brotherhood/sisterhood and are based on the ideals of friendship, personal growth and service to the community. In keeping with the educational mission of the University, social sororities and fraternities promote the highest standards of scholarship, leadership, and service for their members.

(2) The United States Department of Education has established requirements for classification as a social sorority or fraternity. Social sororities and fraternities meeting such requirements are permitted to exist as single-sex organizations. In keeping with these criteria established by the Department of Education, the University of Florida classifies social sororities and fraternities as organizations that:

(a) Do not limit membership to persons pursuing or having interest in a particular field of study, profession or academic discipline;

(b) Do not serve as honorary societies for academic, leadership, or any other endeavor; and

(c) Do not permit members to hold membership in other social sororities or fraternities.

In addition, social sororities and fraternities must:

(d) Have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(e) Limit membership to currently enrolled students at the University of Florida.

(3) Social sororities and fraternities may exist at the University of Florida as registered student organizations and shall be classified as social sororities and fraternities.

(4) Social sororities and fraternities shall be governed by policies established by the Division of Student Affairs and administered through the Center for Student Activities and Involvement/Office of Sorority and Fraternity Affairs (OSFA).

(5) The governance structure established by the University of Florida includes student input and participation. Student input and participation is accomplished through authority delegated by the OSFA to designated student governing councils. Social sororities and fraternities must abide by university policies, regulations, and procedures governing student organizations, as well as policies, guidelines and procedures established by the OSFA and the designated governing councils.

(6) A new social sorority or fraternity seeking registration at the University of Florida must complete the expansion process as outlined in the Policy Expansion for Social Sororities and Fraternities, available from the OSFA. No social sorority or fraternity shall be registered at the University of Florida without approval by the OSFA and affiliation with a designated governing council.

(7) A social sorority or fraternity that operates a residential unit and provides opportunities for housing to university students must abide by facility management policies and standards as established by the University, including but not limited to the following: (a) organizations must have a live-in House Director and be in compliance with related policies; (b) organizations must be in compliance with fire safety standards and must pass Fire Safety

Inspections; (c) organizations must comply with building inspection and related policies and must take corrective measures as needed or required.

(8) The University reserves the right to withhold, revoke, or suspend the registration of any social sorority or fraternity that fails to adhere to University regulations, policies, and/or guidelines.

(1) ~~Social fraternities and sororities exist at the University of Florida as residential units or groups under policies established by the Dean of Students Office. Fraternities and sororities that provide housing for fifteen (15) or more students must have a live-in resident advisor in accordance with criteria set forth by the Dean of Students Office. The criteria are set forth in "Fraternity and Sorority House Director Policy," rev. 1992, incorporated herein by reference. Fraternities and sororities that provide housing for fifteen (15) or more students must also comply with the facilities criteria set forth in the "Chapter Facility Policy," 2004, incorporated herein by reference and can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office.~~

(2) ~~Sororities and fraternities are governed by the Panhellenic Council, Inter-fraternity Council, Multicultural Greek Council, or the National Panhellenic Council. The policies, governing constitutions, by laws, rules and regulations of these Councils must not conflict with the rules of the University of Florida or University policies, including but not limited to, the policies established by the Dean of Students Office, which are the "Fraternity and Sorority House Director Policy," rev. 1992, the "Fraternity and Sorority Social Event Guidelines," rev. 2004, the "Chapter Facility Policy," 2004, and the "University Requirements for Fraternities and Sororities", October 2003, which are incorporated herein by reference and can be obtained from the Dean of Students Office. Refer also to subsection 6C1-4.003(1), F.A.C.~~

\_\_\_\_ (3) ~~The right of a fraternity or a sorority to exist at the University can be revoked by the University if a fraternity or sorority fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the University of Florida or University policies, including but not limited to, the policies established by the Dean of Students Office as noted above.~~

Specific Authority: [BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003](#) ~~1001.74(4), 1006.60(2) FS.~~

~~Law Implemented 1001.74(10), 1006.60 FS.~~

History--New 9-29-75, Amended 3-25-85, Formerly 6C1-4.04, Amended 10-31-99, 6-21-00, 2-5-03, 6-3-03, 12-31-03, 5-30-04, 7-19-05, \_\_\_\_\_.