

## **NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

Date: February 25, 2014

**REGULATION TITLE:**

Registered Student Organization Eligibility

**REGULATION NO.:**

4.003

**SUMMARY:** The amendments clarify existing officer eligibility requirements for registered student organizations. The composition of the Student Activities Appeals Committee is delineated as is the timeline for requesting an appeal of a notice of ineligibility.

**AUTHORITY:** BOG Regulation 1.001

**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, Executive 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:** David Kratzer, Vice President for Student Affairs

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

REGULATIONS OF  
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

~~6C1-UF~~ 4.003 ~~Student Leader Eligibility~~ Registered Student Organization Officer  
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~~ Department of Student Activities and Involvement. All student organizations and groups are subject to the regulations and policies of the University of Florida, including but not limited to, Regulations ~~6C1UF~~ -4.040 and ~~6C1 UF~~ 4.041, concerning the Student Conduct Code and the Student Honor Code.

(2) The following are minimum eligibility requirements for any student to hold ~~an~~ officer leadership position in ~~a~~n officially registered student organization at the University of Florida. Student organizations are encouraged to consider higher requirements if appropriate for their specific group and to apply these requirements to more than the officer positions needed for registration. In order to hold the positions of president, vice president, or treasurer ~~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 ([Spring and Summer semesters for Innovation Academy students](#)), have a minimum 2.5 cumulative academic average and cannot have an academic warning or be on academic probation. If the student officer is actively representing the organization during semester or term, the officer must be a registered student during that semester or term;

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 nine (9) credits if appointed to a one-third or 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 registered 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) Have no late or delinquent obligation for fees or other late or delinquent debts owed to the University; and

(e) Be free of conduct probation for the duration of the elected or appointed term;

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (2)(a) and (b) of this regulation, students in the last semester before graduation are eligible to hold an officer position in a registered student organization 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 Disability Resource Center in the Dean of Students' ~~office~~ Office to have a reduced course load due to a registered disability, are eligible to hold ~~leadership~~ officer positions in a registered student organizations as described herein.

(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~~, Student Activities and Involvement 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.~~

(6) Student Activities and Involvement ~~The Dean of Students Office~~ shall conduct eligibility checks for each of the student positions outlined in section (72) each term. Students not meeting the eligibility requirements will be notified by the ~~Dean of Students Office~~ Student Activities and Involvement that they must relinquish their offices ~~within ten (10) days~~. Appeals

of any such notice must be filed within ten (10) days of the date ~~of on the~~ notice and will be heard by the Student Activities Appeals Committee, chaired by the ~~Dean of Students~~ Director of Student Activities and Involvement (or designee), and consisting of two (2) students appointed by the Student Body President, three (3) staff members for the Division of Student Affairs (including one from the Dean of Students Office) and one (1) academic advisor, appointed by the Chair. The date of notice is the date received or the date on which the notice is sent through electronic communication. All committee members will serve for one year terms and may be reappointed. If a student fails to submit an appeal within (10) days of notification, the student relinquishes his/her office immediately. Decisions by the Appeals Committee are final. ~~staff from the Reitz Union, the Department of Housing and Residential Education, an academic advisor, and two students appointed by the Student Body President.~~

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

Authority: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003.

History--New 9-29-75, Amended 1-28-80, 3-25-85, Formerly 6C1-4.03, Amended 4-30-95, 5-1-96, 6-28-98, 1-19-03, 6-15-07, 6-13-08, 6-12-09 (BOT approval), \_\_\_\_\_.