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Satellite phones and networks link the West Wing to the people back home, and back home, to the rest of the nation. The White House, in turn, reaches out to the rest of the world with a new satellite phone system that allows the president to talk with anyone anywhere in the world at any time...
The FBI has arrested four men who were wanted in connection with a bombing in Kansas City, Mo., yesterday. The men are accused of setting off a pipe bomb at the Federal Courthouse in Kansas City, causing minor injuries to several people.

The investigation began after a tip from a citizen who saw the men entering the courthouse. At approximately 10:30 a.m., officers responded to the scene and found the men and a pipe bomb. The bomb was defused, and the men were taken into custody.

The four men, who have not been identified, are charged with harboring evidence of a crime, harboring a fugitive, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The FBI is leading the investigation, with assistance from the Kansas City Police Department, the Kansas City Metropolitan Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The men will be held without bail pending their appearance in federal court.

The FBI is urging anyone with information about the men or the bombing to contact them immediately.

The investigation is ongoing, and the FBI is urging anyone with information to call 1-800-CALL-FBI. 
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**Associated Press**

**First woman president**

**CARMIGNOLLE, Mass. —** The Massachusetts Institute of Technology on Thursday named a second-year student, Karen H. Hockfield, 34, as its new president — the first woman to hold the job at the prestigious science school where men overwhelmingly dominate the faculty and the student body.

While the appointment of a female president is no longer an expectation, it is not a common occurrence, which in 1999 acknowledged past biases and has since made significant efforts to improve prospects for women.

Despite those efforts, women comprise just 42 percent of undergraduates, 29 percent of graduate students and 17 percent of the faculty at MIT.

Professor who photographed rape student escape

**ATHENS, Ohio —** A professor whose photo session was interrupted in May after a student filed a $3 million harassment lawsuit has resigned, according to his “boss.”

Hours later, smoke billowed out of where the roof had been.

Two dozen students and a house mother had been in the building at the time, a school official said.

**Marijuana may have future in environmental engineering**

Researchers at Colorado State University in Fort Collins have discovered that an extract from the marijuana plant could cut one day from the basis for cancer treatments.

The research, which shows that the cannabinoid extracts can model plant species, duckweed, is the latest in a string of research showing the blood-vessel growth-blocking properties of marijuana.

To further their research, the researchers will need to grow the marijuana plant and mix it with other compounds that are already being used in cancer treatments.

**Diabetes treatment on horizon**

Researchers at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas have discovered that a common aquatic plant, duckweed, grows at a faster rate than any other plant and may have potential as a source of diabetes treatment.

The researchers are studying the plant's ability to produce insulin for diabetics, which is a cutting-edge discovery in the field of diabetes research.

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"I was surprised to see how much it was," he said. "I thought it would be more, but it was actually less." He followed the directions on his meter and reported the issue to Progress Energy.

"They sent someone to look at his meter," he said. "And they said, 'Your meter is not showing what it should, and we're going to send someone out to look at it.'"

Janka said that the company worked with him to estimate the Central Florida customers' electric bills whose service line is a large scale when a disaster occurs.

"So, you know, they're sending me a large bill," he said. "And they're sending me a bill for something I couldn't handle." He agreed with him, but joked in July.

"I told them, 'You know, I can't handle this,'" he said. "'I can't handle the electric bill.'"

Janka said that the company would work with that estimate and that he couldn't handle the extra students.

"They couldn't handle the extra students, so they couldn't handle the extra electricity," he said. "So they're sending me a large bill, and I can't handle it."
MONDAY, AUGUST 30
10 am - 2 pm Knights of the Round Table Club Showcase. Come by and check out the club tables and see what they have to offer you and how you can get involved! To reserve a table email KORT at kort@mail.ucf.edu. SU South Patio

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31
10 am - 2 pm KORT Club Showcase. SU South Patio
12 - 2 pm LiveCast. Check out Knightcast’s inaugural live broadcast outside the SU. Knightcast - UCF’s only student run radio station.
12 - 3 pm Homecoming Organizational Meeting. For student organizations interested in participating in the competition aspect of the Homecoming tradition. SU Key West 218AB
1 - 2 pm SGA Student Advocacy Forum
SU Cape FL 316AB
1 - 3 pm SGA Meet ‘n Great. SU Key West 218CD

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
10 am - 2 pm KORT Club Showcase. SU Patio
12 pm SGA Wacky Wednesday Pep Rally. SU South Patio (post pep rally specials at Wackadad’s)
6:30 - 10 pm CAB Meet ‘n Great featuring “Shrek 2” at 8pm. Meet Campus Activities Board. The students who bring you movies, concerts, comedians, Mr. and Mrs UCF, and more, and learn how to get involved.
Cape Florida SU 316

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
All Fall club registration forms due to OSI, SU 208, by 5pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
12 pm SGA and Founders host a Football Viewing Party UCF vs. Wisconsin @ Founders (University and Dean) Doors open at 12pm.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Labor Day Holiday - No Class

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
6 pm SGA Tuesday Knight Live comedian Megan Mooray Wackadad’s
SGA Senate Elections - Petitions Available

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
7 - 11 pm CAB Cultural and Fine Arts hosts Film Forum Cape Florida 316CD

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
12 - 2 pm Volunteer UCF Volunteer Expo. Come meet with volunteer agencies outside the Student Union giving out information about their organizations and their upcoming volunteer projects. SU South Patio

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
7 pm AASU Block Party. SU Key West 218 CD

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
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Bersia also mentions the challenges and opportunities presented by a globalized world, emphasizing the importance of preparing students for a global future.
As Games run their course, memories take center stage

As I passed through the white arches I felt so lucky to be one of the spectators attending the Olympic Games. My day at OAKA included watching a women's water polo game. After the game my friend and I made our way to the center of the complex and saw the NBC studios where Today showed live. We decided to spend our time in front of the studios and had a high school English class at Port St. Lucie. There were some great pictures. Our fun-filled day ended with tickets to the main dining room of the Paralympic Village. We had lunch with Tom Evelyn of the Paralympic Games, and we were both amazed at how the Paralympics were being portrayed in inappropriate or illegal activities.

Evelyn also said the Paralympics are so great because they provide an opportunity for contestants to return home or spend the day exploring. The main dining room did well, and we were able to see some of the Paralympic athletes at work. The main dining room was only half full when we entered, but contestants still may object to appropriateness of food and drink. The main dining room did well, and we were able to see some of the Paralympic athletes at work. The main dining room was only half full when we entered, but contestants still may object to appropriateness of food and drink. The main dining room was only half full when we entered, but contestants still may object to appropriateness of food and drink.

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Men pound Palm Beach

Young talent comes through in final games of preseason

AVY BURNS reporter

The UCF men's soccer team enters the 2004 season with high expectations, as they look to build on the successes of last year.

The Knights, who have been picked in the conference preseason polls to repeat as Atlantic Sun champions in both, the regular season and the tournament, are looking to fulfill those predictions, and add to their success by returning four of the five A-Sun All-Stars from 2003.

The men's soccer team, which posted a 9-5-1 record last year, including a 6-2-1 conference record, is returning several key players from last year. On attack is last year's leading goal scorer, Jon Frazes, who has 7 goals last year. Sophomore Anthony Caserta, senior Jason Wills' his year's A- Sun, Defender of the Year, has returned to play in the midfield for the Knights, and junior Ryan Mcintosh, the A-Sun "Defensive Player of the Year" in 2003, returns to the center of the defense.

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Rockets fueled to win MAC West
 Toledo enters season as heavy favorites in hard-fighting conference

Matt Dunaway

The Rockets will have to fight for every inch of the new road to the top of the Mid-American Conference. Toledo enters the season as one of the favorites to win the MAC West, but they will have to prove themselves against some tough opponents.

Defensively, the Rockets will have to replace their star performers from the past two seasons. Keon Howard and Keon Wright will be tough to replace, and the Rockets will have to rely on their depth to make up for their loss.

Offensively, the Rockets will have to overcome the loss of quarterback Alex Venema. Venema was a key player for the Rockets last season, and his departure will be felt.

Toledo will have to rely on their young talent to step up and fill the void left by the graduating seniors. The Rockets will have to prove themselves against some tough opponents in their first few games.

The Rockets' schedule is tough, and they will have to prove themselves against some of the best teams in the MAC. But if they can stay healthy and play well, they have a chance to win the MAC West and make a run for the conference championship.
Rashwan nails seven goals in single exhibition game as men’s soccer rolls over Palm Beach

has returned in net for the Knights, anchoring one of the best defenses in the league.

Mcintosh won a national title this offseason with the Premier Development League’s Critical Florida Knights and said that winning a national title on such a high level was the experience of a lifetime. Mcintosh also said that he had the opportunity to play more offense this season than he has in the past. This allowed him to gain some valuable experience, and he was also able to work on and improve certain fundamentals, especially his footwork.

Mcintosh says that personally he hopes to give the team the best opportunity to win each game and to stop as many goals as he can.

“We expect to stay up to that level and keep climbing,” Mcintosh said. “We hope to repeat again, and play better outside of our conference, and get a few more wins out of those games.”

Assistant Coach Justin Maullin mirrors the expectations of Mcintosh, saying he expects the team to win the NCAA Tournament this year. The players have been the three midfielders, anchoring one of the best defenses in the league.

“I think our guys have come on and are going to definitely push for a starting spot, and Phillip Hall is looking very good,” Maullin said.

Maullin feels that the team’s greatest strength is its defense with Tim and John Sobczak and Mcintosh. Tim Sobczak, a member of the 2003 A-10 All-Academic Team, and John Sobczak return to the team this year as seniors, looking down a stingy defense. UCF only allowed 25 goals last year and is projected to be one of the best in the conference this year.

Maullin also said that he thinks in order for the team to have a successful year, the offense will need to improve their performance.

“If we can score goals, find one or two prolific scorers, we’ll be ok,” Maullin said. “Last year our leading scorer had seven goals, which was Jon Umitani. We need some guys to step up and score some goals. That’s a key for us, we can defend well, but we need to score goals this year to win.”

In two exhibitions on Saturday night at the UC Santa Barbara Complex, the Kings battled Rashwan’s goals in an increased offensive attack. They defeated Palm Beach Atlantic with a total score of 15-2 in the preseason doubleheader, finishing out their exhibition schedule with a record of 2-0.

For the first game, Adham Rashwan went on a goal-scoring frenzy, netting five goals in the first half and two more in the second half. His brother Islam Rashwan scored in the second half as well, as the Rashwan brothers accounted for eight of the 10 goals in UCF’s 10-1 victory over Palm Beach Atlantic in game one.

“It was crazy!” Adham Rashwan said after the game. “I got a little tired at the end, but I just got in a groove and I kept on scoring and kept the momentum in the second game, defeating Palm Beach Atlantic again by a score of 5-1. Rafat [Teixeira] had two goals, as did Jon Umitani. Mcintosh had three saves.”

The Knights open their season in Colorado Springs, Colo., Friday at Air Force.

**UCF men’s soccer was tabbed by the media to win the Atlantic Sun Conference this year. The Knights have won two straight Atlantic again by a score of 5-1.**
On the offensive line: "Our running game was horrible last season, so we're working hard to improve," said sophomore guard Adam Pugh. "We're trying to do the best we can to help the offense get more yards this season."  

On the defensive line: "We've got a lot of depth this year," said senior defensive end Alex Haynes. "We're excited to see what we can do on the field."  

On the special teams: "We've got a lot of talent on the special teams," said junior punter and kicker Prater. "We're looking forward to having a great season."
The Golden Rule Review Committee (GRC) is charged with making recommendations for updating THE GOLDEN RULE student handbook. The GRC meets once a month and is comprised of 6 student-voting members, charged with making recommendations for updating THE GOLDEN RULE student handbook. The Golden Rule Review Committee meetings are open to all members of the UC community.

All members of the university community are allowed to make proposals to change/update THE GOLDEN RULE. All proposals made by faculty, staff, administration, or members of the committee shall be submitted to the representative for Student Rights and Responsibilities (Patricia Mackown, Director - prackown@ucf.edu) at least two weeks prior to an upcoming GRC meeting in order to be reviewed at the meeting.

THE GOLDEN RULE is a handbook which outlines the University’s current rules and regulations which apply to all undergraduate, graduate students, and student organizations on the UCF Campus. For more specific information regarding the Golden Rule, or to actually obtain a copy of the rules, please visit www.orlandoflames.com. To learn more information about the Golden Rule Review Committee meetings and sections on the UC website, please visit www.osc.sdes.ucf.edu.

The FIRST Golden Rule Review Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, September 23, 2004, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Garden Key, Room 221AB, Student Union.

University of Central Florida

2004 - 2005 Golden Rule Updates

Changes to the Golden Rule were done to the

3. Student Rights and Responsibilities

3a. Rules of Conduct

4. Student Conduct Review Process

8. Appeals With the Student Conduct Review Process

13. Student Grievance Procedure

3. Student Rights and Responsibilities

•addition of new subsection: "Revocable Withdrawal"

3a. Rules of Conduct

Addendum to the Golden Rule Review Committee

4. Student Conduct Review Process

Violation Reports

•Changed: The period for a written complaint of a violation of the UCF Rules of Conduct has been changed from "one year" to "two years ."

•Changed: "An invitation to attend an information session must be made.

•Addendum: "The Student Conduct Board shall be made up of not less than five (5) faculty members and/or five (5) administrative staff members representing the various administrative divisions of the University, and the remaining shall be student members, twelve (12) of whom shall be the justices from the Student Government Association Judicial Council."
**Opinions**

**Trustees have hearts in right places**

The Board of Governors has been trying with the idea of installing a block tuition rule, which would force all full-time students at all public universities to pay for a full semester of courses regardless of how many classes the students actually took.

The UCF Board of Trustees has vigorously challenged this plan, acknowledging that the block tuition system would encourage more students to take a full load—just to get what they were paying for—but it would also place great strain on students who couldn’t handle it credit hours a semester and would cost the state millions of dollars in funding because of additional professors and space UCF would need to educate that many students in that many classes.

Many of the board members, instead of just bowing to the plan of the Board of Governors, held a private session to discuss what would be most advantageous to the students. Finally, a member said that the trustees should stick to their own plan, hopefully influencing the Board of Governors to think more about how to build the block tuition system.

The trustees submitted a plan, which had full-time students paying for 30 semester hours over the course of the fall and spring. However, UCF’s plan allows students to take 20 during the regular academic year, plus six credit hours in the summer. The trustees are running on their plan fulfilling the Board of Governors’ demands—it appear students to take full loads, which also encourages those students to take full loads. But the plan will also make concessions for those who have to work part-time or full-time to pay for their education, those who are unsure of what they want to major in or those who can’t handle five classes in 20 weeks.

The trustees do understand there are problems with this plan, but they say that their tuition paid for by Florida Bright Futures will pay for classes they’re not using. Whether each student, or for the obligatory nine hours of summer, as needed to graduate. If they were forced to pay for full-time credits, the number of students already there is no reason tuition charged elsewhere is in order to fill the seats for games, Georgia is not a full house, sold 3.6 million tickets. This means the board plans to continue to have their full-time students take the required courses and that state Kerry dishonestly acquired his Vietnam war record.

As a graduate of a group of veterans who testified to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, though, I can tell you this was probably not intentional, the record needs to be clear so that we can get the игровary dirt on our President. Just as stated in the editorial, President Bush hasgot to be the classic example of “guiltless bliss.” Most of us can conclude that Bush either doesn’t know the truth, he doesn’t want to know or hejust doesn’t care. I submit to everyone, even those that oppose John Kerry, to read his testimony to the Senate committee 30 years ago.

John Kerry went to that committee on behalf of a group of veterans who testified to the war crimes while in Vietnam. In John Kerry’s case, in fact, he testified and told of those war crimes, he was repeating to the committee what other veterans had told him. He was chosen to speak on their behalf and probably knew that it would cause him heartache down the road. The bottom line is John Kerry has not told any lies. Instead, he is being attacked for telling the truth about what happened in Vietnam more than 20 years ago. I can thankful for that.
that in a country as great as the United States of America, one can still be persecuted for being honest and saving lives of others in combat.

Christopher Gagnon
Democrat

States executed for being honest and saving lives of others in combat.

Kerry supporters of the library in the Future ["Late fees for absent students," Aug. 31] There are a lot of details in the article, and I wanted to clarify some of them with you in case there are any questions.

Students not currently enrolled are not able to renew materials online. Each week, the library's patron record database is run against the University's student, faculty, and staff records. Those no longer listed in University's database are contacted and, then, lose their active status in the Library's student record database. The Library's database interfaces with the Florida Center for Library Information in Gainesville, which runs the WebLULS system. The renewals are done through WebLULS, so WebLULS does not recognize the student's ID dropped from the database.

Remote access to databases is not available to students not currently enrolled. Library cooperates with database vendors stipulate that only those who are enrolled or are on the university's payroll can access those materials from a non-network computer. Once a student record loses active status in the Library database, the Library's server does not recognize the ID number.

The Library did extend book borrowing privileges to students not enrolled in the summer who visited the library if they were registered for fall semester. Any member of the community enrolled or not, is not welcome to come to the library at any time and use the online resources.

If anyone has any questions about borrowing, renewal or database access, please contact Ask a Librarian by calling 407-823-2562 (1-866-271-7589 for toll free) or send an e-mail or chat with a librarian at http://library.ucf.edu/help/default.htm.

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In addition, students of the University of Central Florida have available the services of the Dispute Resolution Services office. This office provides mediation services as well as a wide array of alternative forms of conflict resolution. The Dispute Resolution Services office is located on the main campus, in Student Resource Center 153, Orlando, Florida, 32816. The phone number for the Dispute Resolution Services office is (407) 823-3477.

All matters involving the non-academic aspects of student life and student organizations are under the area of Campus Life, which operates under the supervision of the vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services.

The University of Central Florida may change when it deems appropriate any announcements, information, policies, rules, regulations, or procedures set forth. The Golden Rule is published once a year and cannot always reflect new and modified information. When information is revised, the changes will be communicated through the student newspaper, on-line resources or other means of communications, at which time the revisions will supersede previous information. Any reference in this publication to the Director of Judicial Services or university student judicial officer shall refer to the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

The University of Central Florida values diversity in the campus community. Accordingly, discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion, age disability, marital status, or veteran's status is prohibited by federal and/or state law. Moreover, the university seeks to treat all persons fairly without regard for other differences, including sexual orientation/ preference.

Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services

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1. The Golden Rule Review Committee

This committee shall be established for the purpose of responding to the changing needs of the student body with regard to the Golden Rule. It is intended to give the students a voice in determining the rules to which they shall adhere.

A. Membership

1. Membership to the committee shall consist of 6 students, 3 of which shall be appointed by the Student Body President and 3 shall be selected by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services.

2. There shall be an application and selection process established by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

B. Ex-Officio

1. Any student enrolled at the University shall be permitted to attend GRRRC meetings.
   a. These students shall be considered ex-officio.
   b. They also shall have the right to debate on any proposal but shall not have the power to vote.

2. No faculty, staff, and/or administrator shall be considered ex-officio.

C. Advisors

1. At least one representative from the OSRR shall maintain an advisory role in the Committee and shall advise the members of the Committee as well as any student in attendance.

2. Staff members with expertise regarding particular sections of the Golden Rule should make themselves available to advise the members upon the Committee's request.

D. Notification

1. The existence of the committee shall be publicized to the student body.
   a. at the beginning of each semester, a message shall be sent through appropriate distribution channels inviting all students to attend committee meetings.
   b. The committee shall maintain a webpage which shall contain information on the meeting time, location, proposals under review and voting record and which shall be clearly linked from the online version of the Golden Rule.

E. Powers of the Proposal Process

1. The Committee shall recommend changes to the Golden Rule to the appropriate administrative body.

2. Any student may make a proposal to the Committee.

3. All proposals made by faculty, staff, administration, or members of the committee shall be submitted to the representative for Student Rights and Responsibilities no later than two weeks prior to the upcoming GRRRC meeting. The proposal shall be sent to all members of the Committee via e-mail within 48 hours of receiving the proposal.

4. All proposals which are approved by a majority vote of the student members of the committee shall be submitted by the committee in writing to the appropriate administrator.

   a. Within one month of receiving a proposal submitted in this manner, the appropriate administrator shall notify committee in writing of the decision regarding the proposal.

   b. If the appropriate administrator chooses not to incorporate a proposal into the Golden Rule, he/she shall outline the reasons for choosing not to do so in memorandum.

5. At no time shall a change be made to the Golden Rule that does not follow the appropriate process as outlined in Section E.

F. Presence

1. The Committee shall meet at least once each month.
   a. all members of the committee shall be notified of the time and place of each meeting.
   b. the Committee shall propose no changes to this section of the Golden Rule which can be construed to eliminate the mandate for the Committee to exist.

2. Student Rights and Responsibilities

A. Student Rights

Upon enrollment, students are entitled to the following freedoms and rights, provided the exercise thereof is accomplished in accordance with University procedures and does not result in disruption or disturbance as elsewhere described in the Rules.


2. Membership in Student Organizations.

3. Freedom of expression. The basic freedoms of students to hear, write, distribute, and act upon a variety of thoughts and beliefs are guaranteed. Freedom of expression carries with it the responsibility for seeing that the essential order of the University is preserved.

4. Freedom to hold public forums. The University desires to create a spirit of free inquiry and to promote the timely discussion of a wide variety of issues, provided the views expressed are stated openly and are subject to critical evaluation. Restraints on free inquiry are held to a minimum and are consistent with preserving an organized society in which peaceful, democratic means for change are available. Guest lecturers or off campus speakers sponsored by student groups may appear on the UCF campus following arrangements with the designated University authority for such appearances.

5. Freedom to hear, write, distribute and act upon a variety of thoughts and beliefs. This freedom is subject to the following regulations:

   a. Written materials identified by authorship and sponsorship may be sold or distributed on campus within the guidelines of propriety and responsible journalism as established and supervised by the University Board of Publications, which is appointed by the President or designee. The distribution of such material, as is arranged by the Director of the Office of Student Activities, is permissible for student organizations provided steps have been taken to preserve the orderliness of the campus.

b. Non-university or off-campus printed materials shall not be distributed or circulated by students or student organizations without first being stamped by the office of the Director of the Office of Student Activities.

   a. Distribution of materials or circulation of petitions to captive audiences such as those in classrooms, at registration in study areas or in residential units is not allowed without prior permission. Such permission may be requested from the appropriate University vice president, dean, or director.

6. Peaceful assembly. Existing laws and University rules shall be observed. Student gatherings must neither disrupt or interfere with the orderly educational operation of the institution, nor violate state or local laws, or University rules.

7. Fair and impartial hearing. These matters shall include, but not be limited to:

   a. Disciplinary proceedings involving alleged violation of academic and nonacademic rules and regulations.

   b. Refunds and charges. The status of a student charged with a violation of University regulations shall not be suspended pending final disposition of the charges except in the case of administrative action. For specific procedures and rights of students during the student conduct process, see later section entitled "Student Conduct Review Process."

8. Confidentiality of student records. Each University office and agency which generates, collects, and disseminates information on students must follow the guidelines for confidentiality of those records in their possession.

   For further information see, "Student Record Guidelines."

9. Provisions for Victims/Survivors of Acts of Violence. To ensure fairness to victims/survivors of acts of violence throughout the disciplinary process, the University has established the following policy on victims/survivors:

   a. a victim or survivor may have a person of her or his choice accompany her or him throughout the Student Conduct Review process. This person will act as a support person or advisor but will not represent the victim or survivor.

   b. a victim or survivor may submit a list of questions related to the alleged incident, prior to the hearing, that she or he feels the charged student should be asked during the hearing process.

   c. a victim or survivor may not have her or his irrelevant past conduct, including sexual history, discussed during the hearing. The issue of relevancy shall be determined by the Student Hearing Panel or the hearing officer.

   d. a victim or survivor may make a "victim or survivor impact statement" and suggest an appropriate sanction (to include appropriate compensations) if the charged student is found to have been in violation of the Rules of Conduct.

e. a victim or survivor may know the outcome of the student conduct review process, after making a commitment to protect the confidentiality for all persons involved as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Regulations, 34 CFR 99.31(b).

B. Student Responsibilities

The most basic responsibility of a student is to study and move forward in intellectual development, while taking advantage of the many opportunities provided in this University environment for total personal growth, development and maturation.

Students and organizations are responsible for the observation of all University policies and rules.

Rights and freedoms in any environment are protected through exercised responsibilities and maintained through an established system for justice. The ideal balance of control for freedom of liberties is strongly weighted toward understanding and observing regulations as acts of individual responsibility, not always because of agreement, but because compliance also serves the best interests of all and helps in the completion of stated individual and University objectives.

The University has compiled student-governing information in this handbook and has distributed it to help provide direction and awareness for the academic community. It is each student's responsibility to become aware of and learn its regulatory content and procedures for dealing with problems which may arise in the course of educational progress.

When University rules are judged to no longer serve the best interest of all, the consideration for change should be introduced through appropriate channels.

Within the University, emphasis is placed on the development of each individual's recognition and acceptance of personal and societal responsibilities. High ethical and moral standards of conduct are a part of the University's mission and its contribution to the well being of society.

C. Personal Health Responsibilities

Each student must assume a certain level of responsibility for his or her education and for the maintenance of health.

 Learning
and education take place within a body. A drugged or mistreated body can neither absorb nor retain meaningful information.

The University has established regulations against the misuse of drugs and alcohol and has designated sanctions for violations. These efforts would encourage students to develop a lifestyle free of drug abuse and to understand the connections between life, learning, and proper functioning of the integrated body and mind.

A broad range of student services provided through the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services is available to assist students in solving problems, which negatively affect their performances. The Campus Wellness Center and REACH Peer Education, as well as the Student Health Center, are designed to help students target health related problems and find solutions. Wellness encourages self-direction for a lifestyle, which addresses meaningful living, care enough to recognize problems, initiate action, and use available services.

D. Involuntary Withdrawal

Policy Introduction:

A student who poses a serious danger of imminent or serious physical harm to himself/herself or others on property at the University will be involuntarily withdrawn from the University by the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) upon appropriate notification and consultation from one or more of the following: Director of Student Health Services, Director of the Counseling Center, Director of Housing and Residence Life, a University mental health official, other University officials or a designee of any of those constituents.

Process:

1. This notification is received in the form of an incident report to the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities, or a psychiatric evaluation filed with the UCF Police Department. The student will be withdrawn if the Director of OSRR concludes, on the basis of preponderance of evidence, that the student is suffering from a mental disorder, as defined by the current American Psychiatric Association diagnostic manual or its equivalent; and, further, that the student engages or threatens to engage in behavior that:

a. Poses a significant danger of causing harm to the student or to others.

b. Substantially impedes the lawful activities of other members of the campus community.

c. The opportunity to have an advisor of the student's own choice accompanies the student.

d. The right to appeal.

2. The Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities reserves the right to impose an immediate and interim withdrawal (the equivalent of a summary suspension), prior to the review of all information, if the Director concludes that the student poses a threat to the welfare of any individual, the student body, or any part of the University or its community. In such cases, there will be a scheduling of a hearing within three (3) days to determine the status of interim withdrawal. At this hearing, the student shall be offered an opportunity to provide documentation from an appropriate healthcare provider of their choice who has conducted a proper assessment.

3. The Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities will call a meeting of the University Crisis Committee at the earliest possible date. This committee is composed of representatives of the following University offices: Student Health Services, Office of Student Conduct, Counseling Center, the Office of Undergraduate Studies, and other University officials as deemed necessary. The student may be present at this meeting and may present information in support of his/her case. Following the student's presentation, the committee shall convene in executive session. At the conclusion of this proceeding, the committee shall make a recommendation to the Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities whether to withdraw the student, reinstate the student, or reinstate the student with conditions.

4. The Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities will make a final decision regarding the student's enrollment status and notify the student in writing within 24 hours of the Crisis Committee's recommendation.

5. A student subject to involuntary withdrawal is entitled to the following:

a. Notice of intent to remove the student pursuant to this policy stating the reasons for the action.

b. The opportunity to examine the psychiatric or psychological evaluations provided to the committee and to discuss them.

c. The opportunity to present relevant information for consideration of his/her case personally, or by a health professional working with that student, if the student is not capable of self-representation.

d. The opportunity to have an advisor of the student's own choice accompanies the student.

e. The right to appeal.

6. In the event a student disagrees with the decision of the Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities, the student may appeal the finding. The appeal must be made in writing to the Associate Vice President for Campus Life, or designee, within ten (10) days of the notification to the student of the decision. The Associate Vice President for Campus Life, or designee, shall, within three (3) days, sustain the initial decision or remand the case to the Crisis Committee for reconsideration.

7. Further administrative appeal may be made in writing to the student's Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services. Such appeal must be made within three (3) calendar days after the date on which student was notified of the Associate Vice President's decision. The Vice President may, within three (3) days, approve, modify, or reject the original decision, or approve or reject the Associate Vice President's decision. The Vice President's decision will be considered final agency action.

8. Upon being withdrawn, the student may no longer attend classes, may no longer use University facilities, must vacate University owned or affiliated housing, and may be entitled to whatever refunds of tuition, fees, and room and board charges as would be appropriate given the timing of the withdrawal.

9. Students who are involuntarily withdrawn from the University shall have a hold placed on their records, which will prevent them from being readmitted or reenrolled in the institution except as stated in this paragraph. A student may request readmission or reenrollment at the University and provide the Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities with documentation from an appropriate healthcare provider of their choice who has conducted a proper assessment of the student and concluded that the student does not pose a serious threat of harm to himself/herself or others. In cases where the Director has imposed other conditions for readmission, it is the responsibility of the student to provide documentation of compliance with such conditions.

10. A student who is involuntarily withdrawn may be subject to conditions to continue enrollment at the University. In such cases, the student will be provided with a written summary of conditions and must meet all conditions in order to maintain student status. A student who fails to meet such conditions will be subject to involuntary withdrawal by the Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities, or will be subject to charges through the University's Student Conduct Review Process for failure to comply.

11. The current medical withdrawal process should not be used to handle withdrawals related to mental health issues when an imminent threat is evident (e.g., the student has been hospitalized under the Baker Act or a violation of the Golden Rule has allegedly occurred. However a student could choose to pursue a medical withdrawal within six (6) months of the end of the semester. As a general principle, the regular Student Conduct Review Process and its appropriate and practical application are deferred in serious instances of misconduct, without regard to whether there might be mental health issues present. The procedures and specifications given in this rule are to be employed in those extraordinary situations in which, in the judgment of the appropriate University authorities, the regular Student Conduct Review Process is not applicable or cannot be applied.

E. AIDS Policy

It is the policy of the State University System (SUS) to balance the rights of students and employees to receive appropriate medical care with the rights of students and University employees to an environment in which they are protected from contracting the disease. In the belief that education can exert a significant role in the control and spread of the disease, and help the public to respond in a reasoned manner, a SUS is committed to providing the University and the public at large with education on the nature and transmission of the disease and the legal rights of AIDS victims. The policy of the University is to treat cases of AIDS on a case by case basis. When an AIDS case comes to the attention of the University, whether student, faculty, or staff member, the University AIDS Committee will assume responsibility for conducting a thorough review based upon the best medical and legal information available. Any actions taken will respect the rights of the individual to confidentiality as well as the individual's welfare and that of the University community. For further information, Laura Ridgley, LMSP, CAP, CAPP, the University's principal AIDS counselor, can be reached through HIV/AIDS Education office at telephone number (407) 823-2457.

F. Rules of Conduct

These conduct rules shall apply to all undergraduate students, graduate students, and student organizations of the University and its area campuses and shall be deemed a part of the terms and conditions of admission and enrollment of all students.

Failure to comply with duly established laws or University regulations may subject violator(s) to appropriate civil authorities. Violations of University regulations shall be recorded in the disciplinary file of the individual(s) and/or the organization.

Generally, authority necessary to enforce regulations is vested in the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. Selected functions of this authority are shared with faculty, staff and students. Some functions of student conduct administration are assisted through review boards or councils.

Students and student organizations are also subject to University disciplinary sanctions for the violation of a University rule or a federal, state, county, or city law which has an adverse impact on the University.

The following defined and described actions include, but are not limited to, conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken. These rules apply to all students for conduct that occurs against other students or non-students while on University sponsored or related activities, during school sessions, during holidays, and during periods of continuous enrollment, or off-campus when that conduct is determined to adversely affect the interest(s) of any part of the University. A student is continuously enrolled, once admitted.
unless the student fails to register in two consecutive terms, excluding summer terms, and must re-apply for University admission.

1. Academic Dishonesty/Cheating
   a. Cheating is a violation of student academic behavior standards. The following forms of cheating include:
      i. Unauthorized assistance: communication to another through writing, visual, or oral means. The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather prepared solely through someone else's efforts and used as part of an examination, course assignment or project. The unauthorized possession or use of examination or course related material may also constitute cheating.
   ii. Commercial Use of Academic Material: selling, lending, copying, reproducing or using any University written, oral, or electronic material, without the written permission of the University and the instructor is a violation of this rule.
   iii. Plagiarism: whereby another's work is used or appropriated without any indication of the source; thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.
   iv. Any student who knowingly helps another violate academic behavior standards is also in violation of the standards.

2. Possessing and/or Providing False and Misleading Information and/or Falsification of University Records
   a. Withholding related information, or furnishing false or misleading information (oral or written) to University officials, faculty or staff, including possession, use or attempted use of a fraudulent identification card or driver's license.
   b. Forgery, alteration or misuse of any University document, material, file, record or instrument of identification.
   c. Deliberately and purposefully providing false or misleading verbal or written information about another person that results in damage to the person's reputation.

3. Disruptive Conduct
   a. An act which intentionally impedes, interferes with, or obstructs the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the University or any part thereof.
   b. Any act which deliberately

4. Personal Abuse
   a. Verbal or written abuse of any person including, but not limited to, physical, verbal, or written abuse.
   b. Physical abuse or threat of physical abuse to any person.
   c. Harassment: defined as behavior (including written or electronic communication such as email, ICQ, etc.) directed at a member of the University community which is intended to and would cause severe emotional distress, intimidation, or coercion to a reasonable person in the victim's position, or would place a reasonable person in the victim's position in fear of bodily injury or death. This definition, however, shall not be interpreted to abridge the right of any member of the University community to freedom of expression protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and any other applicable law.
   d. Failure to respect the privacy of other individuals.
   e. Retaliation against or harassment of complainant(s) or other person(s) alleging misconduct.

5. Sexual Abuse
   a. Sexual Assault: acquaintance rape (date rape) is defined as any attempt to force a person to participate in any sexual activity, verbal or written instruction from another person.
   b. Any act which deliberately

6. Medical/Nursing
   a. Violation of University policy, which could adversely affect the health or safety of the individual.
   b. Any activity which could subject the individual to mental stress such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced contact which could result in embarrassment, or other forced activities which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.
   c. Any activity as described above, upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a University of Central Florida organization may be directly or indirectly conditioned, shall be presumed to be a "forced" activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such an activity notwithstanding.

7. Unauthorized Use of Key(s), and/or Entry
   a. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys to any University premises.
   b. Unauthorized entry or attempted entry.

8. Misconduct at University Sponsored/Related Activities
   a. Violation of UCF rules of conduct at UCF sponsored related activities shall also be a violation of the golden rule.
   b. Violations of a regulation(s) of a host institution sponsored/related activity shall be a violation of the golden rule.

10. Unlawful Possession, Use, or Sale of any Controlled Substance
   Use, possession, sale, distribution or attempt to obtain any narcotic or other controlled substances, and possession and/or use of drug paraphernalia, except as expressly permitted by law.

11. Alcoholic Beverages Violation
   Use, possession and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages except as expressly permitted by the law and University rules, and behavior under influence of alcoholic beverages.

12. Possession and/or Use of a Firearm and/or Dangerous Material
   a. Possession or use of firearms or any weapon on University premises or at University sponsored/related activities.
   b. Possession or use of firework, explosives, chemicals which are destructive, exploitive, or corrosive on University premises or at University sponsored/related activities.

13. Instigation or Participation in Group Disturbances during Demonstrations, Parades, or Picketings
   a. Participation in a demonstration(s), parade(s), or picketing which violates the rights of others, which interferes with the educational function of the University, or which jeopardizes public order and safety.
   b. Leading or inciting others to disrupt scheduled or normal activities within any campus building or area.

The preservation of an open computing and communications environment requires adherence by users to applicable law and University's rules regarding the responsible use of computing systems, software and telecommunications. Violated criminal violations of applicable laws shall be reported to the University Police Department.
appropriate law enforcement agencies or any other applicable authorities or agencies.

The following guidelines are an interpretation of the University policy titled Use of Information Technology and Resources and includes the Campus Housing Internet Project (CHIP). The examples provided in the guidelines are not all inclusive and the guidelines are not limited to those examples that are listed. The rapidly changing environment of network computing will likely generate new applications that, though not listed in this document, are still applicable to the listed policies.

a. The information that is transmitted across University computing resources is subject to protection by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

b. Users shall not use University computing resources to impersonate another individual.

c. University computing resources shall not be used to assist in the unauthorized duplication or distribution of copyrighted material such as audio, video, pictures, or text.

d. Users shall not host network servers on computers connected to University computing resources. Those users who wish to setup a server must first register the computer as a server with the UCF Computer Store and the Network Operations Center (NOC).

1. A server is defined as a computer that supports access to electronic services or information for network users.

2. The following servers are not allowed to exist registered with NOC: The list includes, but is not limited to: HTTP or VI servers, FTP servers, Telnet servers, DCC or Chat servers, NNTP or News servers, SMB or Windows File Share servers (Network Neighborhood), Apple share servers or NFS servers.

3. Those who wish to register a server must provide full administrative access to the NOC including root or Administrator passwords for the server.

4. Also prohibited is the use of recreational file-sharing software when used as a server. This rule also applies to similar applications such as Napster, Gnutella, Audio Galaxy File Agent, and other peer-to-peer file-sharing software.

5. Users shall not attempt to undermine the security or the integrity of the computing systems or telecommunication networks and shall not attempt to gain unauthorized access to these resources.

6. Users shall not intentionally damage, disable, or disrupt computing or telecommunication equipment or software.

7. Any attacks on University computing resources or networks, such as Denial of Service attacks, flood attacks, etc., will be punishable by academic/disciplinary action and/or criminal charges against the offender.

8. Use of the University's Computing Resources and Telecommunication networks for the purpose of personal financial gain is prohibited. The University's computing resources and telecommunication networks shall not be used for commercial purposes.

g. University Computing Resources are not to be used in support of local, state, or federal political campaigns or campaign fundraising.

15. Gambling

a. Play in an unlawful game of chance for money or for anything of value on University premises or at any affair sponsored by a student or student organization.

b. Unlawfully sell, barter or dispose of a ticket, order, or any interest in a scheme of chance by whatever name on University premises or at any affair sponsored by a student or student organization.

c. wager on a University team or organization in a competition, with a direct influence in the success of the competition.

16. University Designated Student Residence Violations

Repealed or flagrant violations of regulations governing University student residences.

17. University Wordmark Violations

Unauthorized use of the official University wordmark, Pegasus, monogram, seal, or other graphic identity symbol.

18. Commission of a Felony or a Misdemeanor

Commission of an act, which is a felony or misdemeanor as provided in local, state, or federal law.

3. Student Conduct Review Process

A. Violation Reports

Alleged violations of the UCF Rules of Conduct shall be reported in writing to the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) or designee. The written complaint of violation of the UCF Rules of Conduct shall be made no later than six months following discovery of the alleged violation.

The Director of OSRR or designee shall make appropriate inquiries into the circumstances of the case to determine one of the following dispositions:

- Case dismissal
- Administrative action
- Mediation
- Formal disposition

B. Case dismissal

The Director of OSRR or designee may dismiss a case if it is found to have insufficient facts or evidence to substantiate the claim of misconduct, the accused person is not a student or the misconduct is not a violation of the rules of conduct.

C. Administrative action

In unusual cases, which dictate a decision for the welfare of any individual, the student body, or any part of the University or its community, the Director of OSRR or designee may take immediate and summary action to resolve the situation. This summary action may include any of the disciplinary sanctions (warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion) or any lesser sanction that the Director of OSRR or designee determines necessary to protect the interests of any or all concerned. Such action is subject to review within three (3) working days by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. In the instance of summary suspension or expulsion, there will be a scheduling of a hearing within three (3) days to determine the status of the summary suspension or expulsion. Sanctions taken through administrative action shall remain in effect until the final disposition of formal charges resulting from the circumstances of the case unless the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee shall decide otherwise.

D. Mediation

Depending on the nature and severity of the alleged violation, the Director of OSRR or designee may refer the case to the Dispute Resolution Services Office for mediation as an alternative to disciplinary action. Mediation is a confidential process whereby two or more parties voluntarily meet with an impartial mediator to communicate their concerns and needs to each other and to reach their own agreement on the resolution of the case. The participants in mediation are responsible for keeping their agreement or renegotiating it, if necessary. In the event that the participants do not reach a full and final resolution, the case will be referred back to the Director of OSRR or designee for disciplinary action.

E. Formal disposition

At the discretion of the Director of OSRR or designee, violations found not to warrant formal disposition may be referred to the appropriate forum for proper disposition and/or settled by one or more of the following outcomes: disciplinary warning, disciplinary probation, institutional community service, counseling or other educational sanctions.

F. Formal disposition

If an alleged violation of the Rules of Conduct is not handled through other appropriate channels, is not dismissed, or is not settled informally, then the Director of OSRR or designee shall present in writing formal charges to the student.

This written notification shall include:

- The student's name, and address.
- Brief description of the alleged violation including dates, times and places known at the time formal charges are prepared.
- Names of potential witnesses known at the time formal charges are prepared.
- A description of any written or physical evidence known at the time formal charges are prepared.
- Notice to attend a required preliminary conference, during which the student will receive instructions regarding the disciplinary process and the student's right to representation, which is the forum in which the case will be heard, and an opportunity to inspect and/or copy the evidence available to the case. If the formal charges are prepared that likely could be presented at the hearing, and notice on how to contact the appropriate hearing officer.

The charged student may request either a hearing before a panel of the Office of Student Conduct Board or before an Administrative Hearing Officer appointed by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee.

6. Student Conduct Board

The Student Conduct Board shall consist of no less than twenty five (25) persons. The Student Conduct Board shall be made up of not less than five (5) faculty members and/or five (5) administrative staff members representing the various administrative divisions of the University, and the remainder shall be student members, twelve (12) of whom shall be the justices from the Student Government Association (SGA) Judicial Council. All conduct board members shall be appointed by Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities except the justices who shall be appointed by the SGA. Board members appointed by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities shall serve annual terms beginning and ending in August of each academic year. Board members who are justices shall serve concurrent to their terms of office as outlined by the Student Body Constitution. When a vacancy occurs from a member not on the SGA Judicial Council, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities shall make new appointments to fill unexpired terms. Vacancies on the board from justices on the SGA Judicial Council shall be filled pursuant to the procedures outlined in the Student Government Constitution. Whenever the number of board members available to serve in a particular disciplinary hearing is reduced, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities may appoint additional members on an ad hoc basis.
7. Student Hearing Panel
A student hearing panel to consider individual cases shall be established under conditions stated in the Disciplinary Sanctions section of the Student Conduct Review Process.

8. Administrative Hearings
Administrative hearings shall be conducted by a faculty or staff member randomly selected by the Director of OSRR or designee from the Student Conduct Board. The charged student shall be informed of the hearing officer assigned to his/her case and shall have the opportunity to challenge the impartiality of the panel. The hearing officer shall remain as scheduled. The student shall state in writing the basis for such challenge. A hearing officer so challenged will be excused; however, indiscriminate challenges shall not be permitted.

The Director of OSRR or designee may accept the recommendation of “in violation” or “not in violation” or remand the individual to the Director of OSRR or designee accepts the recommendation of “in violation” or “not in violation” of the Rules of Conduct, and considers any sanctions recommended by the panel.

The Director of OSRR or designee may accept the recommendation of “in violation” or “not in violation” or remand the case for rehearing. If the Director of OSRR or designee accepts the recommendation of “in violation,” they may approve, mitigate or increase the sanctions recommended by the panel, based on standards set forth in the Disciplinary Sanctions section of the Student Conduct Review Process.

8. Administrative Hearings
Administrative hearings shall be conducted by a faculty or staff member randomly selected by the Director of OSRR or designee from the Student Conduct Board. The charged student shall be informed of the hearing officer assigned to his/her case and shall have the opportunity to challenge the impartiality of the individual within three (3) school days of notification. In the event that a student has opted not to challenge the impartiality of a hearing officer prior to the allotted three (3) school days, the assigned hearing officer shall remain as scheduled. The student shall state in writing the basis for such challenge. A hearing officer so challenged will be excused; however, indiscriminate challenges shall not be permitted.

The Director of OSRR or designee may accept the recommendation of “in violation” or “not in violation” or remand the individual to the Director of OSRR or designee accepts the recommendation of “in violation” or “not in violation” of the Rules of Conduct, and considers any sanctions recommended by the panel.

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4. Student Rights During the Student Conduct Review Process
The following rights shall be explained to each charged student prior to the commencement of any formal disciplinary hearing.

1. All parties shall be afforded reasonable written notice, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing. A letter sent to the charged student at the address listed in the registrar's records shall constitute full and adequate notice.

Written notice shall include:

a. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the proceeding hearing.

b. A statement of the nature of the case and of the forum under which it is to be heard.

c. A brief statement of the behavior of the accused student that serves as the basis for the violation(s) being charged.

2. The student may have an advisor of the student's choice present at the hearing. The Director of OSRR or designee shall maintain a list of impartial advisors and resources available to the student for preparing his/her defense. The advisor shall assist the student in the disciplinary process but shall not speak for or present the case on behalf of the student.

3. All hearings shall be conducted on the basis that the charged student is not in violation until the preponderance of evidence proves otherwise.

4. The student may inspect any evidence presented in support of the charges. Evidence may be presented in defense of the student.

5. The student may have the opportunity to challenge adverse witnesses.

6. The student shall not be forced to present self-incriminating evidence; however, the University is not required to postpone disciplinary proceedings pending the outcome of any civil or criminal case.

7. The decision of “in violation” or “not in violation” on the charges shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing.

8. The results of any formal hearing shall be furnished in writing to the student within two (2) working days following the hearing.

9. The student's enrollment status shall remain unchanged pending the University's final decision in the matter, except in cases where the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee determines that the safety, health, or general welfare of the student, any individual, or any part of the University may be involved.

5. Special Student Hearing Panels
Certain other Special Student Hearing Panels function to hear specified charges of misconduct as defined below. The Director of OSRR or designee may refer cases to the appropriate hearing panel after consideration of the facts. The Director of OSRR or designee serves as a general advisor to these boards. Designated advisors may be assigned to each of these boards as well.

A. Student Organizational Rules of Conduct Violations
For violations of the rules of conduct on the part of a student organization, please see section 15: Student Activities and Organizations.

B. Greek-Letter Hearing Panels
There are several hearing panels for social, Greek-Letter organizations. These panels deal specifically with and are limited to constitutional violations of their respective governing councils, which includes the following:

1. Diversified Greek Council Judicial Board;
2. Interfraternity Council Judicial Board;
5. GAMMA Council

Any hearing panels organized and administered by the OSRR to deal with issues of organizational misconduct will supercede any actions, recommendations, and decisions produced by the aforementioned boards. These Greek hearing panels do not fall under the supervision of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

C. Student Government Judicial Council
The Student Government Judicial Council hears cases involving interpretation of the Constitution of the Student Body of UCF and other powers as specified in the Student Government Association Statutes. The Judicial Council, when acting under the scope of the Student Body Constitution does not fall under the supervision of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

6. Disciplinary Sanctions
The sanctions which may be imposed on students for violation of any of the Rules of Conduct of this University shall be included within the sanctions listed under informal disposition or any of the following. Review boards may recommend any sanction listed below with any appropriate modifications as well as any from the sanctions listed under informal disposition.

A. Disciplinary Warning
An official warning that the student's behavior is in violation of the UCF Rules of Conduct, and that if the student is subsequently found in violation of this rule, subsequent action may be more severe.

B. Disciplinary Probation
Disciplinary probation status shall be for a specific length of time extending from a week to a number of semesters. Restrictive conditions may be imposed and vary according to the severity of the offense. Restrictive conditions may include, but may not be limited to the following: loss of good standing, which may become a matter of record; ineligibility to receive any University award, scholarship, loan, honor or recognition; or initiation into any local or national organizations, and denial of the privilege to occupy a position of leadership or responsibility in any University student organization, publication, or activity, or ability to represent the University in an official capacity.

Under disciplinary probation, the student may continue to attend classes and is given a chance to show capability and willingness to live in accordance with University rules. However, if the student is subsequently found in violation of a rule while on disciplinary probation, the University may suspend or expel the student from the University.

C. Disciplinary Suspension
A student involved in an offense warranting consideration of action more serious than disciplinary probation or one involved in repeated misconduct may face suspension. The length of the suspension period shall be defined and may extend from days to a number of semesters. During the period of suspension, a student may not attend classes and may not otherwise be present on University premises unless authorized in writing advance under conditions approved by the Director of
OSRR. In determining if and to what extent suspended students shall be authorized to be on University premises, the Director of OSRR or designee shall consider whether the suspension creates an undue hardship on the sus-
pended student in regard to consid-
erations that include, but are not limited to, the medical needs of the student.

D. Disciplinary Expulsion

When an offense is of such severity that the University will not allow the student to re-
enroll, the student will be expelled. When a student has been expelled from the University for disciplinary reasons, a full report will be placed in the per-
manent record of the individual concerned.

7. Appeals Within the Student Conduct Review Process

A. Students found in violation as a result of a hearing may appeal that finding and sanction(s) imposed as a result thereof on the basis of one or more of the following:

Irregularities in fairness and stated procedures of the hearing that could have affected the outcome of the hearing.

Discovery of new and signifi-
cant evidence that could have affected the outcome of the hearing and that was not known or could not reasonably have been discovered and/or presented at the time of the initial hearing.

The sanctions are extraor-
dinarily disproportionate to the violation(s).

B. The appeal must be made in writing to the Associate Vice President for Student Life within seven (7) calendar days after the date of notification to the stu-
dent of the disciplinary decision. The Associate Vice President for Student Life shall first deter-
mine if sufficient grounds for appeal exist and then, if so, may either deny the appeal (thus sus-
taining the initial decision and sanction(s)) or remand the case to the original hearing forum for re-consideration.

C. Further administrative appeal may be made in writing by the student to the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services. Such appeal must be made within seven (7) calendar days after the date that the student was noti-

fied of the Associate Vice Presi-
dent's decision. The Vice Presi-
dent may approve, modify or reject the original decision or sanction, or approve or reject the Associate Vice President's deci-
sion. The Vice President's deci-
sion will be considered final agency action.

D. Sealing of a Student Conduct Record - A student's conduct record is eligible to be sealed if it is a single minor offense that did not result in suspension or expulsion and where a second violation would not likely result in suspension or expulsion from the University. A student con-
duct record may be sealed upon the successful submission and review of appropriate paper-
work to the Office of Student Conduct. The factors influencing the decision by the Director of the OSRR for sealing are the severity of the violation, effect of the violation on the University community, sanctions applied, completion of sanctions, and ethical development demonstrated by the student. There is no appeals process regarding student conduct record sealing.

8. Student Conduct Review Process for the Area Campuses

A. Violation Reports

Alleged violations of the Rules of Conduct shall be report-
ed in writing to the Director of Campus Life at each area cam-
pus, center, instructional site, or UCF affiliated community cam-
pus, or to the Director of OSRR, if the campus or center does not have a Director of Campus Life, who shall make appropriate inquiries into the circumstances of the case and determine in con-
sultation with the Director of OSRR one of the following courses of action:

• Case dismissal
• Administrative action
• Mediation
• Informal disposition
• Formal disposition

1. Case dismissal

The Director of Campus Life will forward the case to the Director of OSRR or designee, who may dismiss a case if it is found to not have sufficient facts or evidence to substantiate the claim of misconduct, the accused person is not a student or the misconduct is not a viola-
tion of the rules of conduct.

2. Administrative action

In unusual cases, which dic-
tate an immediate decision for the welfare of any individual, the student body or any part of the University, the Director of Campus Life may take immediate and summary administrative action to relieve the situation. This action may include any of the formal disciplinary sanctions described in this rule or any less-
er sanction that is determined necessary to protect the interests of all concerned.

Such disciplinary action must be reviewed at the conclusion of the action and at every second or more time(s) in violation of the University policy regarding the use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages.

The student has been found guilty of violating the University policy regarding public intoxication.

The student has been found guilty of violating the University policy that prohibits driving a vehicle while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or a narcotic or other controlled substance not expressly permitted by law.

4. The student has been found guilty of violating the University policy regarding the attempt to obtain or the use, possession, sale, or distribution of any narcotic or other controlled substance not prescribed by law.

10. Parental Notification Policy

A. In the fall of 2000, the Board of Regents of the State University System of Florida instructed each University to include provisions for parental notification of dependent students under the age of 21 if the student is found to be in violation of University poli-
cies regarding alcohol and other drugs. The purpose of the Parental Notification Policy at the University of Central Florida is to comply with the Board of Regents' instructions and to pro-
mote the health and well being of students. This policy will pro-
vide parents an opportunity to partner with their student and the University to address behav-
or that could place students at risk of harming themselves or others.

The University of Central Florida will notify parents or guardians of dependent stu-
dents, defined in F.S. 228.093 under the age of 21, when the stu-
dent is found responsible for violat-
ing University alcohol or other drug policies found in the student handbook, The Golden Rule.
5. The student has required professional treatment in a medical facility for a condition associated with the use of alcoholic beverages or a narcotic or other controlled substance not expressly permitted by law.

6. These guidelines do not preclude the University's contacting parents or guardians for other policy violations that may endanger the health and well-being of a student or other individuals in the community.

C. Parents or guardians will be notified in writing by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and, whenever possible, students will be informed in advance that their parents or guardians will be notified.

11. Student Academic Behavior

A. Academic Behavior Standards

UCF is committed to a policy of honesty in academic affairs. Conduct that comprises a breach of this policy may result in academic action and disciplinary action. Academic action affects student assignments, examinations or grades. Disciplinary action affects student enrollment status.

1. Violations of student academic behavior standards on the undergraduate and graduate level include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Cheating whereby non-permissible written, visual or oral assistance including that obtained from another student or another source is utilized in examinations, course assignments, or projects. The unauthorized possession or use of examination or course related material shall also constitute cheating.

b. Plagiarism whereby another's work is used or appropriated without any indication of the source, thereby attempting to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.

c. A student who has assisted another in any of the aforementioned breaches of standards shall be considered equally culpable.

d. The actions described here do not apply to alleged violations arising from the production of theses or dissertations. Such alleged violations are handled by the Office of Graduate Studies as outlined in section B(6) below.

2. Academic Action

Academic action by the instructor:

a. When an instructor becomes aware of an alleged violation of student academic behavior standards and before any academic action is taken, the instructor shall inform the student of the violation, citing the information on which the allegation is based. The instructor shall give the student the opportunity to respond in defense. If the instructor, in consultation with the unit head, shall determine that the violation of academic behavior standards has occurred, the instructor shall prepare a written notice of the alleged violation of academic behavior standards to the student in writing of the action being taken and the reason for such action. Reports of the initial violation and the final academic action report shall also be sent to the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) or designee.

b. In response to an alleged violation of the student academic behavior standards, the instructor, along with the unit head, shall take appropriate measures ranging from counseling to an academic action (loss of credit in a specific assignment, examination or project; failure of the course; or withdrawal of the offender from the course with a grade of "F") to a recommendation for disciplinary action forwarded to the Director of the OSRR or designee. If a student is found to have multiple infractions, OSRR may recommend additional action.

c. Should an alleged violation of academic behavior standards arise before the withdrawal deadline in a term, the instructor shall notify the unit head who will notify the registrar that student may not be withdrawn from the course in question. Only a written release from the instructor of the authorized party deciding the matter will permit withdrawal. However, if the student appeals the academic action and desires to withdraw from the course, the process shall be initiated by the student immediately in the normal University manner. Such withdrawal requests will be held in abeyance until a ruling on an appeal is obtained. If resolved in favor of the student, the withdrawal request will be processed at the time. The individual empowered to rule on the student appeal shall appropriately notify both the registrar and the Director of the OSRR or designee of the outcome.

3. Coordination of Academic and Disciplinary Action

a. When an instructor initiates academic action as the result of the student's alleged violation of academic behavior standards, the academic action will be processed before any disciplinary action is sought. At the time of the final academic action report, the instructor can recommend, through the unit head and college dean or designee to the Director of the OSRR or designee, that disciplinary action should be pursued by means of the Student Conduct Review Process.

b. When information concerning an alleged violation of academic behavior standards is received by the Director of the OSRR or designee from someone other than instructional sources (e.g., other students, University police, etc.), the Director or designee shall inform the dean or designee of the college in which the violation allegedly took place. The college dean or designee shall inform the unit head, who, in turn, will notify any affected instructor. The instructor, in consultation with the unit head, will then determine if an academic action is appropriate. At the time of the final academic action report, the instructor can recommend through the unit head and college dean or designee to the Director of the OSRR or designee, that disciplinary action should be pursued by means of the Student Conduct Review Process.

c. In the case of multiple or aggravated violations of academic behavior standards, the Director of the OSRR or designee shall initiate disciplinary action based on an investigation contained in University records upon consultation with the college dean or designee.

B. Student Academic Appeals

1. Scope

a. This rule shall apply to undergraduate and graduate student appeals of the following:

i. Grades (typically limited to final grades) resulting from an instructor's:

   a. Alleged deviation from established and announced grading policy;

   b. Alleged errors in application of grading procedures;

   c. Alleged lowering of grades for non-academic reasons including discrimination.

ii. Actions taken by an instructor pursuant to the provisions of the UCF policy on "Student Academic Behavior".

b. This rule shall also apply to undergraduate program requirements of departments, schools, or colleges.

2. General Policy - The Following Assumptions are Adopted:

a. Students are entitled to a fair, prompt, and open resolution of complaints.

b. Faculty members and administrators are entitled to a fair, prompt, and open hearing in defense of their action.

c. Students have access to published materials and student government representatives to help them become familiar with and understand procedures for handling complaints.

d. Faculty members and administrators have access to published materials and University staff to help them know and understand procedures through which charges against them will be addressed.

e. Resolution of student appeals should be made as speedily and informally as possible.

f. The University as an institution and its faculty are entitled to procedures that ensure the maintenance of academic standards.

g. The appropriate forum for discussion or alteration of academic matters is the academic unit responsible for these matters.

3. Resolution of Student Appeals at the College Level

a. All student academic appeals or wrongful academic action(s) by an instructor or administrator shall first be brought to the attention of the instructor or administrator perpetuating the action. This action may be initiated within one semester of the alleged wrongful action or grade or, as soon thereafter as the student becomes aware of such action. The parties should attempt to resolve the problem in an expedient and satisfactory manner. If dissatisfied with the decision of the person whose action is being appealed, or if that person is not available, the student may continue to pursue an informal solution with the unit head or designee of the college in which the action occurred.

b. The unit head or supervisor in consultation with the instructor or administrator should make every effort with the student to solve the problem. If this resolution shall take place within 10 school days of the complaint being brought to the unit head or supervisor. At the time of the unit head or supervisor notifies the student of this decision, the student should also be informed of the formal procedures for appeal and that counsel for these procedures are available with the Student Government Association. The decision of the unit head or supervisor must be in writing.

3. The University as an institution and its faculty are entitled to procedures that ensure the maintenance of academic standards.

g. The appropriate forum for discussion or alteration of academic matters is the academic unit responsible for these matters.

4. Resolution of Student Academic Appeals at the College Level

a. If not satisfied with the resolution of the complaint proposed by the unit head or supervisor, the student may proceed within 10 school days of receipt of the unit head's or supervisor's decision to file a written appeal with the office of the dean of the college in which the action occurred. The written appeal must clearly specify the action that the student perceives as wrong.

b. An assistant or associate dean in the college appropriate to the case will hear the appeal and render the opinion in 3 weeks in writing or provide a reason why the deadline could not be met. If the student is satisfied with the finding of this administrator, the student within 10 days may request an appeal to the student academic appeals committee.
c. The purpose of the student academic appeals committee is to determine whether a broader segment of the campus represented by the committee also judges an action as wrong. If so, they are to suggest a resolution for the action. Before filing the complaint, if the student should consult with Student Government Association's Judicial Advisor or designee, who shall furnish advice to the student's rights and responsibilities with respect to this policy. The written appeal shall include the date of the complaint, the dates when the instructor, unit head, administrator, or supervisor, met with the student to discuss the problem, and the suggested resolution at that time.

d. The Student Academic Appeals Committee

i. Each college shall establish an Academic Appeals Committee whenever required.

ii. The committee shall be made up of at least three and no more than five tenured faculty members and an equal number of students.

iii. Student members shall be selected by the dean of the college or designee from a panel of no less than thirty (30) students. This panel shall be appointed by the Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services from a list furnished for this purpose by the Student Body President.

iv. Any member shall be challenged for cause by either party. The validity of such challenges shall be decided by the office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. If a challenge is upheld, the college dean or designee shall appoint a replacement from the college's tenured faculty or the student panel.

e. The college dean or designee shall call the Student Academic Appeals Committee together for an arranged appeals date.

f. In conducting a formal review, the Student Academic Appeals Committee shall adhere to the following guidelines:

i. The time limits specified in the following review procedures may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

ii. The student and the instructor or instructor's replacement shall be permitted to have a non-lawyer representative appear with them before the committee if they so choose.

iii. The committee shall not be officially convened to review the appeal until the faculty member involved, or replacement, has received a copy of the appeal and complaint and has had at least three school days to submit, if they wish, any information. The student will be provided with a copy of any material submitted by the instructor at least five school days before the committee meets to review the case.

iv. The committee should make every reasonable effort to meet for review of the case within fifteen (15) school days after receipt of the student's written appeal and any information provided by the faculty member and/or chair.

v. The committee will function as an objective fact-finding body when examining all available and relevant information concerning the student and the issue of academic action by the instructor. Such information shall include the student's written appeal, written and/or oral information provided by the instructor, statements made by both parties before the committee, and any other information the committee may deem relevant.

vi. The student and faculty member shall be invited to meet with the committee. Each shall be allowed adequate time to respond to the appeal and material as submitted, to question the information presented, to submit additional information needed to clarify the issues involved.

vii. After meeting with both parties, the committee shall develop its recommendations by majority vote. The committee chair shall designate a member to record the committee's recommendations. These recommendations concerning the disposition of the case shall be submitted to the college dean.

g. The college dean shall render a decision within ten (10) school days of the conclusion of the committee hearing. Copies of the committee's recommendations and the dean's decision shall be made available to both parties concerned, to the provost, and all other involved parties and departments.

5. Final Appeal

a. If dissatisfied with the college dean's decision, the student may, within ten (10) school days, file a written request for review with the dean of the under-graduate studies or the dean of graduate studies (depending upon the classification of the student) stating the basis for review and the resolution sought by the student.

b. Acting as the University President's representative, the dean of undergraduate studies or the dean of graduate studies shall make a final decision on the matter within ten school days after receipt of the student's request for review. Copies of the dean's written decision and the basis therefore shall be sent to the student, the college dean, the chair, the Director of the OSRR, the instructor involved (if any), and other involved parties.

6. Appeals of Graduate Program Actions or Decisions

a. Review of Academic Performance. The primary responsibility for monitoring academic performance standards rested with the degree program. However, the college and university may monitor a student's progress and may revert any student to non-degree status if performance standards as specified by the program, college, or university are not maintained. Satisfactory academic performance in a program also involves maintaining the standards of academic and professional integrity expected in a particular discipline or program. Failure to maintain these standards may result in termination of the student from the program, or, if the student's progress and may revert any student to non-degree status at any time, when in its judgment, the individual is deemed incapable of successfully performing at required standards of excellence. Once reversion to non-degree status has occurred, a student will not be allowed to enroll in graduate courses in that major and will be removed from courses currently being taken. If a student is reverted to non-degree status, reinstatement to graduate student status can occur only through a formal grievance process (See Academic Grievance Procedure in following section).

b. Academic Grievance Procedure. The Office of Graduate Studies follows the procedures for academic grievances as outlined below. Academic matters are those involving graduate instruction, graduate research, or decisions affecting academic freedom of graduate students. The Appeals Subcommittee of the Graduate Council is the committee that has jurisdiction for issues involving graduate students enrolled for graduate credit, with the exclusion of the following:

i. grade appeals for individual courses (not thesis or dissertation requirements)

ii. non-academic issues of a disciplinary nature

Both of the above items (i and ii) are handled by the Golden Rule process for all students at UCF (see the appropriate sections above).

c. The Academic Grievance Procedure is designed to provide a fair means of dealing with graduate student complaints regarding a specific action or decision by a faculty member, program, or college, including termination from an academic program. Academic misconduct complaints associated with sponsored research will involve procedures determined by the Office of Research.

d. Students who believe they have been treated unfairly, with previous exceptions, may initiate an grievance. The procedure provides several levels of review, and at each level of review the parties and/or their representatives can have a broader outlook than where the grievance originated.

i. The graduate student should discuss the matter within the academic unit of the grievance and attempt to resolve the grievance informally.

ii. If an informal resolution fails, the procedure is as follows:

a. The graduate student requesting consideration of a grievance, must state the nature of the grievance in writing to the graduate program coordinator, within one year of the date of the occurrence of the grievance. The statement should include a brief narrative of the grievance, the parties involved, and a statement of what remedy is requested.

b. The graduate program coordinator may ask the unit graduate committee responsible for hearing graduate student grievances to examine the necessary information. The unit graduate committee may invite the grievant as well as others who may provide useful information and arguments about the grievance and invite others who may provide useful information to do the same. The graduate student who would like to invite advisors or others to the committee meeting may do so, but the advisor is only there to provide consultation with the student and not to participate in the committee meeting. The Appeals Subcommittee solicits information and then dismisses any invited parties to consider the
recommendation that it will make, either at a continuation of the meeting or at a future meeting.

g. The Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies will consider the input of the Appeals Subcommittee of the Graduate Council and make a final decision about the grievance for the university.

12. Student Grievance Procedure

A. General

1. The intent of this rule is to provide a procedure whereby student grievances are processed promptly and resolved fairly. Students shall be given adequate opportunity to bring complaints to the attention of the University with the assurance that the proper University officials will promptly investigate the facts of the case and evaluate these facts in an objective manner.

2. Student problems should be resolved, wherever possible, before the filing of a formal written grievance, and open communication is encouraged so that resorting to formal grievance procedures will not be necessary. Informal resolution of grievances may be continued throughout the process.

3. Time limits contained in this rule may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties. Upon failure by the University or its representatives to provide a decision within the time limits provided in this rule or any extension thereof, the grievant may appeal to the next appropriate step. Upon failure of the grievant or counsel to finalize an appeal, or take prescribed action, within the time limits provided in this rule, the grievance shall be deemed to have been resolved at the prior step.

B. Exclusions

Grievances pertaining to the following matters shall not be processed under this rule:

1. Disciplinary actions taken under UCF conduct rules;

2. The professional judgment exercised by an instructor in assigning a grade;

3. Undergraduate program requirements of departments, schools, or colleges;

4. Graduate program actions or decisions by a faculty member, program or college, including termination from an academic program.

5. Traffic and Parking Violations;

6. Professional judgment of licensed practitioners in health-related professions.

C. Definitions

1. “Day” means a calendar day.

2. “Grievance” means a dispute or request for redress of the interpretation or application of any rule or regulation of the University or the Board of Trustees.

3. “Grievant” means any enrolled or admitted student who presents a grievance under this rule.

4. “Respondent” means the UCF faculty or staff member who is alleged to have caused the grievance by identifiable acts of omission or commission.

5. “Party” means either the grievant or the respondent.

6. “Counsel” means an attorney or lay advisor.

7. “Resolution” means an action by or on the behalf of the University that is satisfactory to the student.

8. “Student Grievance Panel” means a panel of 15 persons (full-time faculty, A&P and Career Service employees worst administrative positions, students currently enrolled and in good standing) that the Student Grievance Panel from which individual boards will be selected shall consist of:

   a. 5 faculty representatives;

   b. 5 administrative staff representing the various administrative divisions of the University;

   c. 5 students whose names are to be submitted to the President of the University by the President of the Student Government Association

   d. Panel members shall serve annual terms beginning and ending in August of each academic year. When a vacancy occurs, the President shall make new appointments to fill unexpired terms. Whenever the exercise of the challenge reduce the number of panel members eligible to serve in a particular grievance, the President may appoint additional members on an ad hoc basis.

   9. “Challenge” shall mean a formal objection, by either the grievant or the respondent, to having a member of the Student Grievance Panel appointed as either an investigator or Student Grievance Board member.

   10. “Peremptory challenge” shall mean a challenge for which no explanation need to be given by the party making the challenge.

II. “Challenge to cause for” shall mean a challenge based on alleged bias, prejudice, interest or other causes which indicated that the challenged panel member should not serve because of involvement, predisposition or other related causes. While either party may challenge for cause, such challenges shall be reviewed by the University General Counsel who shall advise as to the fitness to serve of the challenged panel member. General Counsel's decision as to such fitness shall be final.

D. Informal Resolution of Student Grievances

1. It is the University policy to encourage the informal resolution of grievances directly between the student and the respondent. If this cannot be accomplished, the student is encouraged to continue informal resolution presenting the problem orally through appropriate administrative channels up to, but not including, the office of the vice president in whose area the respondent is employed.

2. Upon request, the Director of the OSRR will inform the student as to the administrative channels to be followed in an attempt to secure informal resolution.

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Student Grievance Format

| Name: ____________________________ |
| Date: ____________________________ |
| SS#: ____________________________ |
| Address where student may be reached: ____________________________ |
| Street: ____________________________ |
| City: ____________________________ |
| State: ____________________________ |
| Zip: ____________________________ |
| Telephone: ____________________________ |
| University or BOT rule or regulation violated if any: ____________________________ |
| Statement of Grievance including date(s) or acts of omission for which redress is sought: ____________________________ |
| Name and Position of Respondent: ____________________________ |
| Remedy Sought: ____________________________ |

I will be represented in the grievance by (check one)

( ) Myself ( ) Legal Counsel ( ) Other (specify) ____________________________

I select the option of checked below as the manner in which this grievance shall be disposed (check one only):

A. ( ) The respondent's vice president may decide my case on its merits.
B. ( ) The respondent's vice president shall appoint an investigator and decide what disposition should be made of my case after receiving the investigator's report.
C. ( ) My case shall be reviewed by a grievance board appointed in accordance with UCF Rule 6C7-5.0031 and be decided by the respondent's vice president after review of the board's procedures and recommendation.

I do ( ) do not ( ) want a postponement for _______ (up to 25) days to seek informal resolution of this grievance.

This grievance was filed with the clerk of the University on the _______ day of ________, 20____, by (check one)

( ) Certified or registered restricted delivery, return receipt requested mail
( ) personal delivery

Grievant: ____________________________
Office of the Clerk of University by: ____________________________
Date Received: ____________________________
or not action under this rule is appropriate or is excluded under the provisions of paragraph 2 above. If action under this rule is appropriate, the clerk of the University will notify the student of receipt of the grievance and the name of the respondent's vice president who will handle the student's complaint. The procedures outlined herein; simultaneously, the clerk will notify the respondent and deliver the written grievance to the vice president in whose area the respondent is employed. The clerk will inform the student that proceedings under this rule are not appropriate if such is the case. Report shall be in writing and shall include, but need not to be limited to: statements by the grievant and the respondent; statements by any witnesses testifying on behalf of either party; documents in support of either position; the investigator's summary and recommendation to the vice president.

i. The vice president shall review the investigator's report and render a decision, in writing, within 10 days to the respondent and grievant. Notification to the grievant shall be made through the clerk of the University.

ii. The vice president shall review the board's recommendation and render a decision within 10 days. This decision shall be forwarded in writing to the grievant and the respondent through the clerk of the University.

3. The respondent's vice president shall review the board's recommendation and render a decision within 10 days. This decision shall be forwarded in writing to the grievant and the respondent through the clerk of the University.

13. Student Record Guidelines

A. Records shall be kept to meet the needs of the University. Limited access records are not open to public inspection or to review. All students shall be maintained and open to public inspection only as provided in Florida Statutes 240.237 and 228.093 and 20 U.S.C. 1232g Federal Law. The Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, Administration and Finance shall designate as custodians of limited access records.

B. All persons handling student records shall be instructed concerning the confidential nature of such records and shall be informed of their professional and legal responsibility regarding confidentiality. Personally identifiable student records shall only be disclosed as prescribed in 228.093 F.S.S.

C. Record-keeping personnel may have access to confidential student records and files as necessary in their job function and in accordance with the policy on confidentiality of student records. This activity is the responsibility of the chair of the academic department, or the director of the administrative office.

D. No one having access to confidential student records may disclose information beyond that is listed below. The following information may be given in response to telephone inquiries:

- Student's name, confirmation of current enrollment, current mailing address, current telephone number, if it is a listed number, dates of attendance at UCF, and degrees and awards received at UCF.
- In addition to the foregoing information, date of birth, e-mail address, major field of study at UCF, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and height and weight of members of intercollegiate athletic teams.

E. Students may request this information to be withheld by completing the necessary forms in the University Registrar's office. Records shall be released in compliance with a court order.

F. Other than the information listed above, the University may not release personally identifiable information without written consent of the student to any party, except for the following:

1. Other University officials;
2. Officials of other institutions in which the student intends to enroll, conditioned upon the student being notified and receiving a copy of such records, if requested, and further allowing the student an opportunity to challenge the contents of the records;


4. In connection with a student's application for, or receipt of, financial aid;

5. Bona fide educational research organizations, which will use the personal identification only as described in 322.093;

6. State or local officials or authorities to which such information is specifically required to be reported or disclosed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(b)(7);

7. Accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions;

8. In response to a validly issued subpoena or other order from a court of competent jurisdiction. However, the University will make a reasonable attempt to notify the student prior to compliance with the court order or subpoena.

G. In order for the parent(s) to have access to the student's records without written permission from the student, the parent(s) must certify in writing that the student is economically dependent upon the parent(s) as defined in Section 152 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954. Such written certification is to be included in the student's record.

H. Potential employers may be given the above information if the potential employer presents proper credentials and offers proof that the student for which the inquiry is being made has been notified of such information to be released to the potential employer. Each student shall have access to personal records and files except as noted herein subject to reasonable regulations as to time, place and supervision.


This is a statement of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions to be imposed for the unlawful possession, use, distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by UCF students and employees on UCF property or as part of any of its activities. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, use of a controlled substance or the unlawful possession or use of alcohol is prohibited in and on UCF owned and controlled property or as part of any of its activities. Any UCF employee or student determined to have violated this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action for misconduct, action which may include termination or expulsion for criminal prosecution. No employee or student is to report to work, class or any University activity while under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. Violation of these policies by an employee or student will be reason for evaluation and possible intervention or treatment for alcohol and other drug abuse or dependency disorders. The University's alcohol policy is stated below.

A. Campus Alcoholic Beverages Policy

1. Policy- The sale, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages by students or employees on UCF property or as part of any of its activities.

2. Guidelines- The sale or service of alcoholic beverages to persons younger than 21 years of age is prohibited.

3. Type of alcohol along with food and alternative non-alcoholic beverages to be provided;

4. Method of security including number of campus police officers;

5. Person to be contacted in event of questions or problems.

5. Approval Procedures for Non-Student Groups - When an event is properly scheduled to take place in a location for which a campus concession holds a license, alcoholic beverages are to be sold through the concession and their license. Groups or organizations that seek to sell beer or wine along with a non-alcoholic choice at other locations on campus must obtain approval to secure a beer or wine license from the Director of Business Services prior to making application for the license. With approval, the license is then to be obtained by the organization from the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Division of the Department of Business Regulations.

6. Student Organizations

1. Active registered student organizations must secure in writing permission to sell or consume alcoholic beverages on property owned or operated by the University of Central Florida for the purpose of engaging in any activity to benefit either their own organization directly, or a program that their organization supports.

a. Student Union and inside the Pegasus Circle - Director of the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center or designee.

b. Outdoor area immediately adjacent to any building - officially designated building manager for that facility.

1. Type of alcohol along with food and alternative non-alcoholic beverages to be provided;

2. Permission by active registered student organizations to use any space on each campus or its host institution's campus for the purpose of providing or consuming alcoholic beverages must be secured in writing in advance by the Director of Campus Life on each area campus.

3. Off campus groups or organizations who seek to serve alcoholic beverages in a location and situation which does not require a license must obtain an off Campus approval from the Director of Business Services. In order to comply with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act, the University of Central Florida requires that an employee employed on a grant or contract notify the Office of Human Resources if any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 days after such conviction. The University will notify the federal contracting agency within 10 days of having received notice that an employee engaged in the performance of such a contract or grant has had a criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace. The University will discipline any employee who is so convicted and/or require the employee's satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program. In order to comply with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act, the following descriptions are listed.

C. Health Risks Associated With the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol

This information was inserted in order to comply with the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act.

Alcohol consumption causes a number of marked changes in behavior. Even low doses significantly impair the judgment and coordination required to drive a car safely, increasing the likelihood that the driver will be involved in an accident. Low to moderate doses of alcohol also increase the incidence of a variety of aggressive acts, including sexual assault, and spouse and child abuse. Moderate to high doses of alcohol cause marked impairment in higher mental functions, severely altering a person's ability to learn and remember information. Very high doses cause respiratory depression and death. If combined with other depressants of the central nervous system, much lower doses of alcohol will produce the effects just described. Repeated use of alcohol can lead to dependence. Sudden cessation of alcohol intake is likely to produce withdrawal symptoms, including severe anxiety, tremors, hallucinations, and convulsions. Alcohol withdrawal can be life-threatening. Long-term consumption of large quan-
ties of alcohol, particularly when combined with poor nutrition, can also lead to permanent damage to vital organs such as the brain and the liver.

 Mothers who drink alcohol during pregnancy may give birth to infants with fetal alcohol syndrome. These infants have irreversible physical abnormalities and mental retardation. In addition, research indicates that children of alcoholic parents are at greater risk than other youngsters of becoming alcoholics. The following lists the possible effects and health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and controlled substances.

 Alcohol: Consumption causes a number of changes in behavior and physiology. Even low doses significantly impair judgment, coordination, and abstract mental functioning. Statistics show that alcohol use is involved in a majority of violent behaviors on college campuses, including acquaintance rape, vandalism, fights, and incidents of drinking and driving. Continued abuse may lead to dependency, which often causes permanent damage to vital organs and deterioration of a healthy lifestyle.

 Cannabis (Marijuana, Hashish): May impair or reduce short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time, and reduce coordination and energy level. Users often have a lowered immune system and an increased risk of lung cancer. The active ingredient in marijuana, THC, is stored in the fatty tissues of the brain and reproductive system for a minimum of 28 to 30 days.

 Hallucinogens: Lysergic acid (LSD), mescaline, and psilocybin cause illusions and hallucinations. The user may experience panic, confusion, suspicion, anxiety, and loss of control. Delayed effects, or flashbacks, can occur even when use has ceased. Phencyclidine (PCP) affects the section of the brain that controls the intellect and keeps instincts in check. Because the drug blocks pain receptors, violent PCP episodes may result in self-inflicted injuries.

 Cocaine/Crack: Users often have a stuffy, runny nose and may have a perforated nasal septum. The immediate effects of cocaine use include dilated pupils and elevated blood pressure, heart rate, respiratory rate, and body temperature, followed by depression. Crack, or freebase rock cocaine, is extremely addictive and can cause delirium, hallucinations, blurred vision, severe chest pain, muscle spasms, convulsions, and even death.

 Amphetamines: Can cause a rapid or irregular heartbeat, tremors, loss of coordination, collapse, and death. Heavy users are prone to irrational acts.

 Heroin: Is an opiate drug that causes the body to have diminished pain reactions. The use of heroin can result in coma or death due to a reduction in heart rate.

 Ecstasy: Is a psychodelic amphetamine that causes brain damage, specifically to the nerves in the brain that release serotonin. The immediate effects of Ecstasy use include dehydration, muscle cramping, increased blood pressure, and nausea. Confusion, anxiety, depression, sleeplessness, and paranoia are also effects of Ecstasy. Hallucinations may occur as a result of Ecstasy use.

 GHB (Gamma Hydroxybutyrate): Was banned as a dietary supplement in 1997 because of the harmful and deadly effects it had on the people who consumed it. The use of GHB can cause nausea, loss of consciousness, convulsions, coma, and/or respiratory arrest within 20 minutes of ingestion. Recently, GHB has become a common drug used in sexual assault. Former President Bill Clinton passed a law in 2000 declaring that the use of GHB in a sexual assault case will automatically add 20 years to your sentence.

 Methamphetamine: Commonly known as Speed, Crystal Meth, or Crack, methamphetamine can cause agitation, paranoia, and increased heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature. The spikes in blood pressure can cause blood vessels to burst, which can result in cardiac arrest or even death.

 Nicotine: Is absorbed into the bloodstream, affecting the central nervous system and raising heart rate and pressure. It is highly addictive – so much that 70% of smokers who quit relapse during the first year.

 Barbiturates: Are depressants that affect the central nervous system. Tolerance occurs very rapidly. Some of the long-term effects include chronic tiredness, vision problems, sexual dysfunction, menstrual irregularities, and breathing disorders.

 D. Drug/Alcohol Counseling, Treatment, or Rehabilitation and/or Re-entry Programs Available to UCF Student and Employees

 A broad range of student services provided through UCF's Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services are available to assist students with non-academic problems that negatively affect their performances.

 The Alcohol and Other Drug Programming Office offers education, prevention, intervention, assessment, counseling, re-entry and referral services designed to enhance students' personal and academic success. Qualified staff is available to assist students with these services. This office also encompasses the REACH (Responsible Education and Action for Campus Health) Peer Education Program. The professional health educators and peers of REACH provide a wide variety of college health related services, including the ADAPT (Alcohol and Drug Awareness and Prevention) class. ADAPT is designed to provide students the information they need to make low risk, healthy choices around the use of alcohol. It also gives students the facts about the effects and consequences of alcohol and a wide variety of other drugs, to assist them in assessing if their use has become misuse, abuse or dependency.

 Student Health Services works closely with this office to provide additional support and expertise to students, as does the Counseling Center. The Recreation and Wellness Center provide programs and activities to enhance our students' health and well being.

 UCF has implemented an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to provide services to its approximately 4500 regular personnel employed at all campuses. EAP services are available at no charge to UCF employees (except OIS personnel which include adjunct faculty, graduate and student assistants) and immediate family who live in their household as defined by the State Employee's Group insurance. UCF's EAP is an employee benefit designed to provide initial confidential assessment, counseling and referral services to employees whose personal problems are adversely affecting their job performance and overall well being.

 The program is designed to identify problems and assist employees (with the support of their affected dependents) by providing professional assistance while the problems are still in the early stages. EAP services offered or referred include and address a broad range of issues that trouble employees and/or dependents (for example, job burnout, personal emotional or psychological problems, parental problems, divorce, stress, bereavement/depression due to the death of a loved one or other traumatic experiences) which may result in the illegal use of drugs and/or alcohol abuse. Specifically, the EAP is designed to:

 - Refer troubled employees/dependents;
 - Motivate employees/dependents to seek and accept assistance;
 - Assess troubled employees/dependents' problems and personal resources;
 - Recommend plan of action;
 - Provide initial counseling, and/or referral to such individuals.

 Student Activities and Organizations

 The University supports a variety of student organizations as a belief in their co-curricular value. Many of the student organizations are available to assist students and their being an asset to the University community. Opportunities for student involvement in student organizations include student government, academic/pro-professional and honorary, athletics, military, religious, special interest, minority, international and service groups. Student organizations play an important role in the total University life and must, therefore, exercise judgment and responsibility in the planning and implementation of their activities. This judgment and responsibility extends to individual members and officers of organizations. Organizations and individuals must also observe certain regulations for rational and effective operation in the University community.

 A. Student Organization Guidelines

 1. Benefits of Involvement

 The University of Central Florida (UCF) recognizes the importance of active and effective student organizations. Research clearly shows that
those students who choose to become involved in some form of organized activity do better academically, persist through graduation, gain valuable career-related and life skills, and experience greater personal development when compared to those students who choose not to get involved. These benefits are even more enhanced for those students who take on leadership roles within student organizations.

2. The Ability to Organize
The University encourages students to organize themselves and to pursue personal and/or professional interests. Further, the University supports the choice to form and affiliate with an organization and strives to remove administrative barriers that would hinder such involvement.

3. University Oversight
The University has the responsibility to exercise appropriate oversight over student organizations and their related activities. This includes the official registration of all student organizations through the Student Government as well as oversight for the appropriate time, place and manner of all activities, events, etc. Policies and procedures related to the conduct of student organizations are presented below.

B. General Principles of Group Responsibility
Any student organization can be held responsible for its actions or the actions of a collection of its members acting together. It is recognized that occasional misconduct on the part of individual members may not be attributed to and/or be cause to penalize the organization; however, misconduct on the part of the organization may be addressed when:

1. Members of the organization act together to violate University standards of conduct.
2. A violation arises out of an organization-sponsored, financed, or otherwise supported activity.
3. The organization’s leadership has knowledge of the incident, behavior, etc. and fails to take corrective or prohibitive action before such incident, behavior, etc. occurs or fails to stop such incident, behavior, etc. while it is occurring.

4. A violation occurs on premises and/or transportation owned, operated, or rented exclusively by the organization.
5. A pattern of individual violations has occurred and/or continues to occur without adequate control, response, or sanction on the part of the organization or its leaders.
6. The organization or related activities provided the context for the violation.

7. The organization chooses to protect one or more individual offenders who are members, former members, or guests of the organization from official action.

C. Registration of Student Organizations
Any student association, group, or organization other than the Student Government Association whose objectives are consistent with the organizational goals and mission of the University is eligible for active registration. Registration is permitted and completed upon the recommendation of the Student Government Association, the review and concurrence of the Office of Student Involvement, and the approval of the Associate Vice President for Campus Life or designee. The Office of Student Involvement will have copies of the Golden Rule available for student organizations when they submit their registration and officer update reports.

1. Registration Process
To be considered for registration, a student organization must submit in writing to the Office of Student Involvement a list of twelve (eight at area campuses) UCF student members and their UCF ID numbers, a list of all officers and their UCF ID numbers, the signature of at least two current officers and the faculty/staff advisor(s), the purpose, and the organization’s address. Organizations that do not turn in an update form or do not meet any of the informational requirements listed above will be considered inactive. Complete membership and officer lists and financial statements should be made available to the Office of Student Involvement upon request. Any change in the information indicated above during the academic year should be reported to the Office of Student Involvement. Should an inactive organization fail to reactivate within one (1) calendar year, that organization shall be considered dissolved. Dissolved organizations may only be reformed by following the aforementioned organization registration process.

E. Funds and Expenditures
Registered organizations may receive and program funds from Student Government Association funds through an application process. All approved Student Government Association funding will be disbursed and expended through the Student Government Association account. Organizations that do not receive funding from Student Government Association may deposit or expend funds through an off-campus account or through an account established with the Office of Finance and Accounting. Student organizations receiving funds must comply with Student Government Office of Finance and Accounting Guidelines.

F. Membership
Membership in any student organization is limited to any student who is currently paying activity and service fees and is enrolled with the University of Central Florida. Organizational membership requirements must also be satisfied. UCF faculty, staff, alumni, and Central Florida Research Park employees may be non-voting members. In order to comply with the University’s constitutional related regulations, all students who enroll at the University will be assured equal access to educational programs and related opportunities without regard to race, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, marital or parental status, or veteran’s status.

G. Student Eligibility for Leadership Positions
The University has established the following minimum requirements for service in student leadership positions. Such positions may be elected or appointed and shall be without compensation, only as the University deems appropriate in its sole discretion, student government officials, officers of active registered student organizations, members of University department-sponsored groups, and members of University communities. These eligibility requirements may be reviewed for waiver only under extraordinary circumstances as deemed appropriate by the University in its sole discretion.

1. During fall and spring semesters, a student leader must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, defined as not being on academic or disciplinary probation.

2. A student leader must have a minimum institutional grade point average of 2.5 for all hours earned while enrolled at UCF or previously educational institution if student is a transfer student.

3. A student leader must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, defined as not being on academic or disciplinary probation.

4. A student leader must be free of financial or disciplinary holds on University records. Student will have two weeks to clear such holds before removal from leadership position.

2. Students who do not meet these minimum requirements may submit a written appeal to the Eligibility Appeals Board through the Office of Student Involvement within 2 weeks from the first day of class each semester. The appeal should address the causes for uneligibility and reasons for believing that the problems have been resolved. The Eligibility Appeals Board is the deciding body that, upon hearing the appeal may waive the eligibility requirements for one semester.

The Eligibility Appeals Board may review the academic record of students in those positions of leadership or responsibility. If normal progress towards graduation is unsatisfactory, the Board may recommend to the student, the advisor, the organization and the Associate Vice President for Campus Life that the student resign from the position of leadership or responsibility.

The Student Government Association has established eligibility requirements for selected positions within student government. These requirements and governing procedures are presented in their election and eligibility statutes, which are made available to any student upon request, as well as to all candidates filing for office.

H. Faculty or Staff Advisor
All organizations shall have a UCF faculty or staff advisor in order to be considered for active registration. Additionally, a faculty or staff advisor is required in order to receive Student Government Association funding.

I. Conduct Regulations for Student Organizations
These conduct regulations shall apply to all student organizations of the University and its area campuses and shall be
deemed a part of the terms and conditions of admission and enrollment of all students and student organization registration. The following defined and described actions include but are not limited to conduct for which disciplinary action may be taken. These regulations apply to all student organizations for conduct that occurs against students or non-students on University premises, while participating in University sponsored or related activities, during school sessions, during holidays and during periods of continuous enrollment or off-campus when that conduct is determined to adversely affect the interest(s) of any part of the University.

1. Damage to Property
Malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction of another’s property is prohibited.

2. Theft, Disregard for Property
No student organization shall take, attempt to take, or keep in its possession property or services not belonging to their organization.

3. Disorderly Conduct
No student organization shall:
   a. Act in a manner which can reasonably be expected to disrupt the academic pursuits or infringe upon the privacy, rights, privileges, health, or safety of students or the University community or local community.
   b. Obstruct the free movement of persons or goods around the campus, interfere with the use of University facilities, or prevent the normal operation of the University.
   c. Condone or encourage such acts of physical assault, including sexual assault.
   d. Engage in obscene or indecent conduct.
   e. Fail to comply with the administrative policies as enacted by the University.
   f. Fail to comply with the directions of University officials or authorized agents acting in the performance of their duties.

4. Alcohol and Drug Related Misconduct
Florida law prohibits possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by those under the legal drinking age and prohibits making alcoholic beverages available to persons under the legal drinking age (see Alcohol Policy section for more information).
   a. No organization shall furnish or cause to be furnished any alcoholic beverage to any person under the legal drinking age.
   b. The sale of alcohol is prohibited.
   c. No organization shall furnish or cause to be furnished any alcoholic beverage to any person in a state of noticeable intoxication.
   d. The unlawful possession, use, sale, and/or distribution of controlled substances is prohibited. Each organization shall take all necessary steps to see that this regulation is not violated at functions it sponsors as well as within any property it owns, operates, and/or rents.
   e. Each student organization shall take all necessary steps to see that no person under the legal drinking age possesses alcoholic beverages at functions it sponsors as well as within any property or transportation it owns, operates, and/or rents.

5. Unauthorized Entry
Unauthorized entry, attempted entry or remaining in private or restricted areas of the University, Greek Park, or community facilities is prohibited.

6. Gambling
Student organizations are prohibited from the following:
   a. Play or sponsor of an unlawful game of chance for money or for anything of value on University premises or at any affair sponsored by a student organization.
   b. Unlawfully sell, barter, or dispose of a ticket, order, or any interest in a scheme of chance by whatever name on University premises or at any affair sponsored by a student organization.
   c. Wage on a University team or organization in a competition, with or without an intent to have a direct influence in the success of the competition.
   d. Conduct any solicitation and fundraising activities in a manner that does not violate or is contrary to the policies of the University or its Office of Student Activities, the Student Union, and/or federal, state and/or local law.

15. Misuse or Infringement of University's Names or Marks etc.
Student Organizations are prohibited from the unauthorized use of the University’s name, abbreviation, trademarks or wordmarks, including the Pegasus, monograms, seal, or other graphic identity symbols. The phrases “UCF” or “University of Central Florida” (or some form thereof) cannot precede the title of the organization.

16. Compliance with the Directions or Requests of University Officials
Student organization officers and members shall comply with all directions or requests of University officials, University police officers, etc. in a timely manner.

J. Student Organization Conduct Review Process
1. Violation Reports Alleged violations of the UCF Rules of Conduct shall be reported in writing to the Director of the OSRR or designee. The written complaint of violation of the Student Organization Guidelines shall be made no later than one year following discovery of the alleged violation. After hearing a case involving individual students, a student hearing panel deems that the offense was an organizational offense in nature and not just the actions of an individual member, then the case will be handled as such. The Director of the OSRR or designee shall make appropriate inquiries into the circumstances of the case to determine one of the following dispositions:
   a. Case dismissal
   b. Administrative action
   c. Mediation
   d. Informal disposition
   e. Formal disposition

The chief officer of the student organization or another member designated by a majority of the voting members of the organization is the sole representative of an organization when the organization is charged with a violation. This person will be sent all notices and will appear at all hearings to represent the organization. A lawyer cannot be designated as the organization’s representative for purposes of these guidelines. A lawyer can only be an advisor to the organization or its representatives.
a. Case Dismissal
The Director of OSRR or designee may dismiss a case if it is found not to have sufficient facts or evidence to substantiate the claim of misconduct or the misconduct is not a violation of the conduct regulations.

b. Administrative Action Organizational Suspension
In unusual cases, which dictate a decision for the welfare of any individual, the student body, or any aspect of the University or its community, the Director of OSRR or designee may take immediate and summary action to resolve the situation. This summary action may include any of the disciplinary sanctions (warning, restrictions, probation, suspension, or removal) or any lesser sanction that the Director of OSRR or designee determines necessary to protect the interests of any or all concerned. Such action is subject to review within ten (10) days by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. If the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee determines that serious facts or evidence to substantiate the case for suspension or removal are not found, the Director of OSRR or designee may appoint additional members on an ad hoc basis.

c. Mediation
Depending on the nature and severity of the alleged violation, the Director of OSRR or designee may refer to an appropriate alternative to disciplinary action. Mediation is a confidential process whereby two or more parties voluntarily meet with an impartial mediator to communicate their concerns and needs to each other and to reach an agreement on the resolution of the case. The organizational participants in mediation are responsible for keeping their agreement or renegotiating it, if necessary. In the event that the organizations do not reach a full and final resolution, the case will be referred back to the Director of OSRR or designee for disciplinary action.

d. Informal Disposition
At the discretion of the Director of OSRR or designee, violations found not to warrant formal action may be referred to an appropriate forum for proper disposition and/or settled by one or more of the following outcomes: problem resolution; community service; or other educational sanctions.

e. Formal Disposition
If an alleged violation of the Student Organization Guidelines is not handled through other appropriate channels, is not resolved informally, the Director of OSRR or designee shall present in writing formal charges to the student organization.

This written notification shall include:
1. The name of the organization, the chief student officer, and address as well as the name and address of advisor(s).
2. Brief description of the alleged violation including date(s), time(s), and place(s) known at the time formal charges are prepared.
3. Names of potential witnesses known at the time formal charges are prepared.
4. A description of any written or physical evidence known at the time charges are prepared.
5. An invitation to attend an information session during which the organization’s representatives will receive instructions regarding the conduct review process and the organization’s rights, confirmation of the forum in which the case will be heard, and an opportunity to inspect and/or copy the evidence known at the time charges are prepared that likely would be introduced at the hearing. The charged student organization may request a hearing earlier before a panel of Student Organization Conduct Board or before an Administrative Hearing Officer appointed by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee.

f. Student Organization Hearing Board
The Student Organization Hearing Board shall consist of twenty (20) persons appointed by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The Student Organization Hearing Board shall consist of not less than five (5) faculty members and/or five (5) administrative staff members representing the administrative divisions of the University, and ten (10) student members. Board members shall serve annual terms beginning and ending in August of each academic year. When a vacancy occurs, the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities or designee shall make new appointments to fill unexpired terms. Whenever the number of board members available to serve in a particular disciplinary hearing is reduced, the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities or designee may appoint additional members on an ad hoc basis.

2. Conduct of Hearings
The following is furnished as a guide to the sequence of events in a hearing:

a. Reading of charges.

b. Presentation of evidence against the charged student organization.

c. Presentation of evidence in defense of the charged student organization.

d. Deliberation (in executive session).

e. Announcement of the decision.

3. Case Record
The case record shall consist of the following items:

a. A copy of the formal charges in writing.

b. A video tape recording of the hearing.

c. All staff memoranda and/or data submitted.

d. All items of physical evidence submitted, provided such items are not returned to a rightful owner until such time as photographs, or other facsimiles shall be made before return.

e. The recommendation by the hearing panel, if any.

f. The Director of OSRR’s decision.

K. Student Organization Rights During the Conduct Review Process
The following rights shall be explained to each charged student organization before the commencement of any formal disciplinary hearing:

1. All parties shall be afforded reasonable written notice, at least five (5) calendar days before the hearing. A letter sent to the chief student officer and advisor(s) of the charged student organization at the address listed in the registrar’s records shall constitute full and adequate notice.

2. Provided, however, that the required notice stated above has been given to the group along with its representative(s) but a representative failed to attend a scheduled hearing without providing a satisfactory reason for the absence, the group will be placed on immediate social probation until such time the group appears before a hearing panel.

3. Social probation includes but is not limited to the prohibition of the following: any on or off campus fundraisers, socials, mixers, intramural competitions, receptions, service projects, conferences, conclaves, etc. Groups under social probation may gather at regularly scheduled business meetings. The organization will also not be able to update its registration until such time that it appears before a hearing panel.

Written notice shall include:

a. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the proceeding hearing.

b. A statement of the nature of the case and of the forum under which it is to be heard.

c. A brief statement of the behavior of the accused organization that serves as the basis for the violation(s) being charged.

If the University is unable to state the behavior in detail at the time notice is served, the initial statement may be limited to an explanation of the general issues involved. Thereafter, upon request by the student organization, a more detailed and definitive statement will be furnished prior to the commencement of any formal hearing.

2. The student organization may have an advisor of the group’s choice present at the hearing. The Director of OSRR shall maintain a list of impartial advisors and resources available to the student organization for preparing the defense. The advisor shall assist the organization in the disciplinary process but shall not speak for or present the case on behalf of the student.

3. All hearings shall be conducted on the basis that the charged student organization is not in violation until the preponderance of evidence proves otherwise.

4. The organization’s member representative(s) may inspect any evidence presented in support of the charges. Evidence may be presented in defense of the group.

5. The organization’s member representative(s) may hear and question witnesses.

6. The organization shall not be forced to present self-incriminating evidence; however, the University is not required to postpone disciplinary proceedings pending the outcome of any civil or criminal prosecution.

7. The decision of “in violation” or “not in violation” on the charges shall be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing.

8. The results of any formal
hearing shall be furnished in writing to the student organization within two (2) working days following the hearing.

9. The organization’s registration status shall remain unchanged pending the University’s final decision in the matter except in cases where the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee determines that the safety, health, or general welfare of any individual, or any part of the University may be involved.

L. Sanctions for Student Organizations

The following sanctions may be imposed against a student organization for violations of a UCF conduct regulation. This list is neither exhaustive nor in order of severity and may be enlarged upon or modified to meet the particular circumstances of any given situation.

1. Recommendation for Charter Revocation: An official request to a national office that the local chapter of the organization be revoked.

2. Revocation of UCF Registration: Permanent severance of the organization’s relationship with UCF.

3. Suspension of UCF Registration: Temporary severance of the organization’s relationship with UCF for a specific period of time. The period of time and the requirements that must be satisfied prior to re-registration must be specified in the decision of the hearing panel.

4. Probation: Temporary restrictions of certain activities on the part of the organization as defined by the hearing panel and/or an officially sanctioned status of the organization where as further violations of UCF policy could result in suspension, revocation of registration, etc.

5. Warning: An official warning that the organization’s behavior is in violation of UCF policies, and that if the organization is subsequently found in violation of this policy, subsequent action may be more severe.

6. Restitution: Reimbursement for a loss caused by the organization’s actions.

7. Community Service: Assignment to work a specific number of hours at a community service agency or project.

8. Mediation: Official mediation between the organization and any offended parties.

9. Restrictions: Restriction of some or all of the organization’s activities or privileges, including, but not limited to, social activities, intramural competition, organizational competition, Homecoming, etc.

10. Organizational Suspension (see Administrative Action). Note: disposition of administrative action may be extended in cases involving student organizations.

11. Required Educational Programs: Alcohol awareness programs, risk management programs, etc., for a specified percentage of organizational membership.

M. Appeals within the Student Organization Conduct Review Process

Student organizations found in violation because of a hearing may appeal findings and sanctions imposed as result thereof based on one or more of the following:

1. Irregularities in fairness and stated procedures of the hearing that could have affected the outcome of the hearing.

2. Discovery of new and significant evidence that could have affected the outcome of the hearing or that was not known or could not reasonably be discovered and/or presented at the time of the initial hearing.

3. The sanctions are extraordinary disproportionate to the violations. The appeal must be made in writing to the Associate Vice President for Campus Life within seven (7) calendar days after the date of notification to the student organization of the disciplinary decision. The Associate Vice President for Campus Life shall first determine if sufficient grounds for appeal exist and then, if so, may either deny the appeal (thus sustaining the initial decision and sanction(s)) or remand the case to the original hearing forum for reconsideration.

Further administrative appeal may be made in writing to the student organization to the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services. Such appeal must be made within seven (7) calendar days after the date the student organization was notified of the Associate Vice President’s decision. The Vice President may approve, modify or reject the original decision or sanction, or approve or reject the Associate Vice President’s decision. The Vice President’s decision will be considered final agency action.

16. Event Management

A. Registered Events

1. Scope

a. The purpose of this rule is to enforce policies for events sponsored by registered student organizations and those forms or activities that might possibly result in some degree of harm to persons, or in some amount of defacement or damage to public or private property. This rule applies to events held on University-controlled property. If a requesting student organization wants to hold an event that is not listed in the following examples, please contact the Director of Student Leadership Programs or Designee for assistance before planning or scheduling the event.

b. Registered events include any or all of the following elements, but are not limited to:

   1. Recreational Bonfires, torches, cookouts or any other form of open flame (also subject to local or state fire regulations);
   2. Use of alcohol;
   3. Aircraft demonstrations or fly-bys;
   4. Events such as mazes and haunted houses;
   5. Events held outdoors including motor vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian races;
   6. Events that will either sell food or have catered food available;
   7. Events that will require Police, Physical Plant, Insurance, or any other similar services;
   8. Events with exhibits, scenes, displays, or special effects such as lasers, light shows or smoke;
   9. Assemblies of 50 or more persons where normal exit access is modified with furniture, stairways, decorations, or seating.

   10. Activities in excess of 150 persons.

   11. Demonstrational destructiveness such as car bashing.

   12. Amateur or non-licensed boxing matches or other non-professional full contact sport competitions.

2. Procedures

Events may be sponsored by active registered student organizations (as defined by The Golden Rule). Events may only be scheduled after the activities have been planned with the Office of Student Activities. Events include, but are not limited to, lectures, speakers, celebrities, artists, musicians, entertainers, bands, parades, dances, socials, and fun runs.

3. Calendarizing

a. The Office of Student Activities coordinates the calendaring process for events by active registered student organizations. Contracts, vending agreements, purchasing of items and any other arrangements may be offered only after prior consultation with the Office of Student Activities. To calendar an event, a representative of an active registered student organization must complete a Registered Event Form, which can be obtained through the Office of Student Activities. Submission of the completed form begins the calendaring process and assists in obtaining special support services such as Police, Physical Plant, and Insurance.

b. If the organization desiring to sponsor an event does not complete a Registered Event Form 10 days prior to the time of the scheduled event, the organization may be denied use of University facilities and may not be able to continue the event. The form shall be signed by an officer of the student organization and the faculty or staff advisor.

4. Approval of Facilities for Events

A request by active registered student organizations to schedule facilities will only be considered when handled through appropriate University channels. Requirements for active registered student organizations for the use of University facilities may be denied for the following reasons:

   a. Adequate or appropriate facilities are not available;
   b. Failure to comply with any of these procedures;
   c. Inadequate arrangements for presentation of the program, including finances;
   d. The proposed event constitutes a clear and present danger to the University by advocacy or promotion of disruptive conduct described by The Golden Rule;
   e. Inadequate liability insurance.

5. Required Approvals

a. Active registered student organizations must secure the required approvals at least 10 calendar days in advance of a proposed event. Events must be conducted in accordance with any information and approval:

   1. Director of Environmental Health and Safety
   2. Director of Physical Plant
   3. Risk Manager
   4. Director of Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center
   5. Director of Public Safety and Police

6. Applicant’s Responsibilities

In addition to securing University approval to conduct the event, applicants shall be responsible for ensuring that:

   a. The event is conducted as described in the approved application including all requirements therein for clean-up, extra security, etc.
   b. All restrictions and regulations, such as amplified sound, contracts, admissions fees, advertising, and solicitation, placed on the event by the University are followed.

7. University Assistance

If facilities and personnel are available, the University may be able to assist applicants by providing security, clean-up crews, etc. at cost. However, there is no assurance that such assistance will be available for any specific event.

8. Insurance Requirements

a. Registered events, depending on the nature of the event, must be covered by liability insurance in amounts appropriate for the event as determined by the University.

b. University departments acting as applicants shall contact the University’s insurance office to determine if the current liability coverage...
provides the required protection or if a special rider must be obtained. Cost of such a rider shall be charged to the applying department's account.

c. All other applicants must furnish at their own cost appropriate proof of adequate insurance from a surety firm licensed to do business in the State of Florida by the Florida Department of Insurance.

9. Cancellations and Terminations

a. Application or approval for conducting a registered event may be cancelled by either the applicant or the University upon giving written notice to the other party.

b. Any registered event may be terminated during the event by the Office of Student Activities or the Police Department if it is determined that the event is not in strict accordance with the terms of the approved application, or in the event of disruptive or unsafe situations. Written notice shall be provided outlining the reasons for termination within one week of the event to the hosting party.

B. Potentially Hazardous Events

1. Scope

a. This rule applies to the holding of potentially hazardous events on University-controlled property. Exempted from this rule are official events which are scheduled annually in University publications (classes, orientation, registration, etc).

b. A potentially hazardous event is defined as any activity that might result in some degree of harm to persons or in defacement or damage to public or private property. Examples include, but are not limited to: bonfires; use of firearms, explosives or munitions; fireworks; helicopter or other aircraft landings; low level aircraft demonstrations or fly-bys; motor vehicle races; gatherings in excess of 50 persons, including campus athletic events, which are not registered according to University policies. Active registered student organizations must register events with these elements according to the Registered Event procedure.

2. Required Approvals

a. Except as otherwise provided in (1) (a) above, any University or non-University person or organization must secure approval in advance before conducting or publicly announcing the intent to conduct a potentially hazardous event on University-controlled property. In the case of a University person, concurrence of the individual's supervisor is required in advance. When a student organization requests such an approval, the staff advisor to the student organization must concur with the request.

b. Applications for approval shall be made in writing to the University Director of Public Safety and Police or designee, on a University approved form at least fifteen (15) calendar days in advance of the proposed event, unless this time limit is waived by the Director. The Director of Public Safety and Police or designee will, upon request, furnish the applicant with blank copies of this form. Each application shall be accompanied by proof of insurance as stated in number 5 below.

c. The Director of Public Safety and Police will circulate applications received to the following University officials for their information and approval and will advise the applicant of the University's approval or disapproval.

1. Director of Environmental Health and Safety

2. Director of Physical Plant

    (If event is held on any UCF property besides the Student Union or Recreation and Wellness Center)

3. Director of Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center (If event is held in the Student Union or Recreation and Wellness Center)

4. Risk Manager

3. Applicant's Responsibilities

In addition to securing University approval to conduct the event, applicants shall be responsible for insuring that:

a. The event is conducted as described in the approved application including any requirement therein for clean-up crews, extra security, etc.

b. All restrictions placed on the event by the University are followed.

4. University Assistance

If facilities and personnel are available, the University may be able to assist applicants by providing security, clean-up crews, etc. at no cost. However, there is no assurance that such assistance will be available for any specific event.

5. Insurance Requirements

a. All potentially hazardous events must be covered by liability insurance in amounts appropriate for the event as determined by the University.

b. University departments acting as applicants shall contact the University's insurance office to determine if the current UCF liability coverage provides the required protection or if a special rider must be obtained. Cost of such rider shall be charged to the applying department's account.

c. All other applicants must furnish at their own cost appropriate proof of adequate insurance from a surety firm licensed to do business in the State of Florida by the Department of Insurance. Specific Authority 120.581(6)(a), 240.227(1) FS. Law implemented 120.581(6)(a), 240.227 (15), 235.02 FS. History—New 5-28-85, Formerly 6C7-4.292, Amended 12-22-86 7-27-92. Amended 1996.

6. Cancellations and Terminations

Application or approval for conducting a potentially hazardous event may be cancelled by either the applicant or the University upon giving written notice to the other party. Any event may be terminated at any stage by the Director of Police and Public Safety or his/her designee if that official determines that the event is not being conducted in strict accordance with the terms of the approved application, or in the event of disruptive or unsafe conditions. Written notice shall be provided outlining the reasons for termination within one week of the event to the hosting party.

C. Loud Speakers and Sound Equipment

Active registered organizations must secure in writing permission to use amplified sound on the Orlando campus (including Research Pavilion) for the purpose of engaging in any activity to benefit either their own organization directly or a program that their organization may sponsor, as follows:

1. Student Union and inside the Pegasus Circle - Director of the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center or designee (see Student Union Amplified Sound Policy);

2. Outdoor area immediately adjacent to any building - officially designated building manager for that facility;

3. Other outdoor open spaces on the campus - designated sponsors, i.e., Lake Claire - Director of Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center;

4. Inside any building - officially designated building manager for that facility.

Permission by active registered student organizations to use any space on each area campus or its host institution's campus for the purpose of such fundraising must be secured in writing in advance from the Director of Campus Life on each area campus. All registered student events must be in compliance with local, state, and federal law.

D. Admission Fees

Student or registered student organizations wishing to charge admission to an event should receive prior approval from the Office of Student Activities. No admission fees may be charged to students for activity and service fee funded events pursuant to applicable Florida statutes.

E. Contracts

No student is permitted to represent the University as a signatory on contracts.

F. Student Organization Contests, Campaigns, or Petitions

Any registered student organization sponsoring a fundraising campaign, contest, competition or petition must register with the Office of Student Activities. This does not pertain to Student Government Association elections.

G. Free Assembly Areas

1. University buildings and grounds may be scheduled for political activity and other exercises of free speech and assembly in areas specifically designated for that purpose by the President or designee. Such use must be on a noninterference basis with the conduct of classes or other normal activities of the University. Determinations of what constitutes interference shall be made by the University President or designee in the best interests of the University.

2. In the absence of specific designation made pursuant to (1) above and subject to other regulations of the University regarding the assembly of large numbers of people, the use of sound equipment, and maintenance of free access to all University facilities, four areas shall be deemed free assembly areas for the conduct of political activity and other exercises of free speech:

    a. The open grass area bounded by the Chemistry Building and Apollo Circle to the north and south and the sidewalks to the east and west.

    b. The brick mall area between the John T. Washington Center and the Student Union.

    c. Open grass area bounded by the Chemistry Building and Apollo Circle to the north and south and the sidewalks to the east and west.

    d. The grounds near the northwest corner of the Arena, across the entry driveway and the service access road at that northeast corner.

H. Advertising and Signs

Exterior signage is allowed for students sponsored activities, clubs, and events to promote student participation.

• Student organizations may use exterior signs to advertise activities, clubs, and events three times per semester.

• All signs must be registered and properly "stick-er"ed. Stickers may be applied for at the Office of Student Activities (407) 823-6471 and are issued by the director or his/her designee. Stickers may only be used for 5 days increments, with provisions for renewal.

• A maximum of three wood signs may be posted for advertising an activity, club or event.

• All signs must be removed by the posting organization within 24 hours after the registered event or immediately after the fifth day. Signs not removed within the specified timeframe will be removed by Physical Plant and a $50.00 per sign charge levied. The sign will be released after the fine has been paid at the "Cashiers" office, and credited to Account # 242100, object code #499000.

• The placement of printed materials on vehicles, light posts, benches, trees and exterior doors are not permitted.

Signs must adhere to the following standards:

• The maximum sign of a sign is 4 feet by 8 feet.

• Signs must be free standing and not staked into the ground or hung, fastened or attached to shrubbery, trees, and light posts. Signs are not permitted in any street median.

• All signage must be placed in a minimum of 50 feet from any motor vehicle intersection.
• Signs can only be placed in locations designated on the UCF Signage Location Map.

• Any signs in violation of any of the above stated regulations will be removed by Physical Plant and a $50.00 per sign charge levied. The sign will be released after the fine has been paid at the “Cashier’s” office and credit- ed to Account #2421000, object code #49000.

These posting rule do not apply to Student Government elections.

1. Solicitation on Campus

1. General Policy

All business entities and all natural and legal persons (hereinafter referred to as “Vendor(s)”) wishing to solicit business or otherwise engage in any form of commerce on the main campus of the University of Central Florida (UCF) must coordinate such activities through UCF’s Director of Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center or designee. The conduct of all such activities shall be confined to that area of campus situated within the boundaries of Pegasus Circle from the Centaurus Drive to Aquarius Agora Drive.

Vendors wishing to utilize the free speech area must secure permission from the Director of Student Leadership Programs or designee.

2. Procedure

Vendors must comply with the following guidelines to reserve and allocate space for the conduct of solicitation:

Market Day Guidelines

a. Contact UCF’s Student Union Event Services to request space. Space is limited. Reservations must be made in advance at UCF’s Student Union Office, Room 412. All fees for the reservation of space must be paid at the time of reservation made. (See Student Union Event Services for current fee schedule.) UCF reserves the right to require any Vendor to submit proof of insurance coverage for comprehensive and general liability insurance in amounts deemed acceptable by UCF.

b. Placement of Vendors within the bounds of Pegasus Circle will be at the sole discretion of UCF’s Student Union Event Services staff.

c. Vending space will be clearly designated for Vendors upon their arrival at set up time. Displays may not extend beyond the allotted space.

d. UCF’s Student Union reserves the right to restrict the participation of any Vendor or Vendors.

e. If a Vendor is not set up by 12:00 noon UCF may, but is not obligated to, remove the Vendor’s equipment, if any, and will consider such Vendor NO SHOW. This information will be noted in Vendor’s file and could impact future reservations.

f. The market will end promptly at 5:00 p.m. UCF’s Student Union patio will be open to load merchandise and equipment from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Vendors must completely vacate UCF’s Student Union patio by 6:00 p.m.

g. In case of inclement weather, the market may be canceled at the sole discretion of Student Union staff. If the market is canceled, reservation fees will be refunded to UCF’s Vendors who paid the fees. Postponed refunds will be issued if the market is held and inclement weather occurs during the day.

h. Vendors are to purchase a parking pass on the days they will vend on campus. Parking is available in Lots T-500 after the vendor unloads the materials and merchandise at UCF’s Student Union.

i. UCF is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to Vendors’ equipment or goods. Vendors are responsible for the security of their property.

j. Vendors must adhere to the requirements established by UCF’s Student Union for the safety of the event and any rules as may be mandated by UCF’s Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

k. UCF shall not tolerate the placement of tables, displays, tents, or other activities for solicitation purposes outside Pegasus Circle. UCF’s Police will be responsible for monitoring all such activities outside Pegasus Circle. Those violating this policy will be instructed to leave immediately and may be issued a no-trespass warning by UCP Police.

l. UCF shall not tolerate the placement of tables, displays, tents, or other activities for solicitation purposes outside Pegasus Circle. Those violating this policy will be instructed to leave immediately and may be issued a no-trespass warning by UCF Police.

m. UCF Arena and areas immediately adjacent thereto — from the Director of the UCF Arena or designee.

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4. Exception to Policy

Officially registered, active student organizations of UCF desiring an exception to the above policy must secure, in advance, the written permission of either the Director of the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center or other individual listed below to use space on UCF property to conduct a solicitation to benefit or thing of value from the solicitation. Examples of such solicitations include but are not limited to, bake sales and similar fundraising activities, distribution of literature, speakers, giveaways, promotions, or signing of petitions.

On UCF’s main campus, permission must be secured as follows:

a. Student Union and within the Pegasus Circle, Recreation and Wellness Center, Recreation and intramural sports areas, Student Resource Center, Auditorium area, Wired Café, Student Resource Center Courtyards — from the Director of the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center or designee.

c. UCF Arena and areas immediately adjacent thereto — from the Director of the UCF Arena or designee.

d. UCF’s Student Union reserves the right to restrict the participation of any Vendor or Vendors.

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h. Vendors are to purchase a parking pass on the days they will vend on campus. Parking is available in Lots T-500 after the vendor unloads the materials and merchandise at UCF’s Student Union.

i. UCF is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to Vendors’ equipment or goods. Vendors are responsible for the security of their property.

j. Vendors must adhere to the requirements established by UCF’s Student Union for the safety of the event and any rules as may be mandated by UCF’s Department of Environmental Health and Safety.

k. UCF shall not tolerate the placement of tables, displays, tents, or other activities for solicitation purposes outside Pegasus Circle. UCF’s Police will be responsible for monitoring all such activities outside Pegasus Circle. Those violating this policy will be instructed to leave immediately and may be issued a no-trespass warning by UCF Police.

l. UCF shall not tolerate the placement of tables, displays, tents, or other activities for solicitation purposes outside Pegasus Circle. Those violating this policy will be instructed to leave immediately and may be issued a no-trespass warning by UCF Police.

3. Campus Locations for Solicitation

Post materials should not be fastened to or hung from shrubbery or trees; drawn, taped, painted or otherwise displayed on sidewalks, walls, glass and painted surfaces, or building exteriors. No holes may be dug into the ground (except for wood stakes) nor nails or tacks hammered into trees.

Solicitors and tradesmen, including students, faculty and other University personnel, are prohibited from conducting business transactions with individuals or organizations on campus unless a permit has been issued. Permits to conduct such business with students and student organizations may be issued by the Director of the Student Union, Recreational and Wellness Center, for all others by the Director of Business Services.

4. Exception to Policy

Officially registered, active student organizations of UCF desiring an exception to the above policy must secure, in advance, the written permission of either the Director of the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center or other individual listed below to use space on UCF property to conduct a solicitation to benefit or thing of value from the solicitation. Examples of such solicitations include but are not limited to, bake sales and similar fundraising activities, distribution of literature, speakers, giveaways, promotions, or signing of petitions.

On UCF’s main campus, permission must be secured as follows:

a. Student Union and within the Pegasus Circle, Recreation and Wellness Center, Recreation and intramural sports areas, Student Resource Center, Auditorium area, Wired Café, Student Resource Center Courtyards — from the Director of the Student Union and Recreation and Wellness Center or designee.

c. UCF Arena and areas immediately adjacent thereto — from the Director of the UCF Arena or designee.

b. Residence Halls and outside areas immediately adjacent thereto — from the Director of Housing or designee.

c. Greek Park area and other open spaces on campus (including free speech area) from the Director of Student Leadership Programs or designee.

d. UCF Arena and areas immediately adjacent thereto — from the Director of the UCF Arena or designee.

e. Inside any other building and outside areas immediately adjacent thereto — from the officially designated building manager of that facility or designee (identification of the building manager for a particular facility may be obtained from the Office of the Vice President for Administration and Finance.

On the area campuses or their host institutions, permission to use space to conduct solicitations must be secured from the Director of Campus Life on that area campus and, as may be required, from the appropriate official of that host institution.

Failure of officially registered, active student organizations to comply with this solicitation policy and procedure may result in student disciplinary action taken against such organizations, including the loss of the privilege to engage in solicitations on UCF property, the loss of the privilege to register as a student organization, as well as other disciplinary action.

5. Responsibility

The Associate Vice President for Campus Life or designee shall be responsible for implementing this policy.

17. In-line Skating, Skateboarding, and Scooters Procedure

A.

Each building of the University will have properly posted signs prohibiting in-line skating, skateboarding, and scooters within or adjacent to building structures. The building manager is responsible for posting the signs with the assistance of the Physical Plant.

B.

Any staff or faculty member shall discourage anyone from in-line skating, skateboarding, or using scooters within the confines of each building or adjacent to the property, the disruptive individual will be referred to the Division of Student Development and Enrollment Services or Human Resources as applicable. In the case of a person not affiliated with the University, University Police will issue a Trespass Warning according to policy. The University Police will assist the reporting party as necessary.

C.

This procedure applies to all hallways within University buildings and stairways and entranceways adjacent to the exterior of each building.

D.

In-line skating, skateboarding, and scooters are prohibited on the roadways.

E.

The University Police Department is responsible for enforcing this procedure.

F.

Scooters used by persons with disabilities to aid in their mobility are exempt from this policy.

18. Student Communication Responsibility Policy

To communicate in a more expedient manner, UCF uses e-mail as the primary means of notifying students of important university business and information dealing with registration deadlines, financial assistance, scholarships, tuition and fees, etc.

To avoid missing important communications from the university, students must ensure that the university has an up-to-date “preferred” e-mail address, as well as both a permanent and mailing (local) address.

It is critical that students maintain and regularly check their “preferred” e-mail account for official announcements and notifications. Communications mailed to a student’s “preferred” email address are considered official notice. The university does not accept responsibility if official communication fails to reach a student who has not notified the university of a change of e-mail or mailing address.

Please ensure that your e-mail address, as well as your permanent and mailing (local) address and telephone numbers are current with the university at all times.

Students can update their contact information on the web at: https://connect.ucf.edu