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Speaker's resignation leads to shakeup within senate ranks

Mark Justice Staff Writer

After years of involvement with the Student Government Association, Sen. Mark Merolle realized one of his ultimate goals at Thursday's meeting — he was elected speaker of the 37th Senate.

Following the resignation of former Speaker Nick Merolle, White, who until Thursday night served as the Senate's president pro tem, garnered all but four votes in an election against opposing Sen. Anthony Furbush.

Several students were nominated for the position, however, only White and Furbush accepted their nominations.

"There should never be just one candidate, there should always be options," Furbush said.

Although Furbush said White will do fine as speaker, he did not rule out running for the position again at the first meeting of the 38th Senate in October.

Sen. Victor Perez nominated White for the position because "he felt that White possess[ed] the qualifications and the resources to lead us where we need to go."

Senators agreed with Perez, and quickly voted to make White the new leader of the legislative branch.

Since elections last fall the speaker position has been controversial. Student leaders have fought to obtain the coveted office, even threatening lawsuits.

As some leaders have resigned from the position, making Friday the third senator to become speaker of the 37th Senate.

White speaks candidly about being the new Senate and the passion he has for his role.

Speaker without pro temp until Thursday

Logan Borkowski and Kelly Tovar are on the ballot to replace White as the Senate's deputy pro tem. Senate without pro temp until Thursday

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Central Florida Future

T o believe or not to believe? Spurred to the front of public discussion in the wake of the 2004 presidential election, religion has been the media's "it" topic for several years. But is this revival for real? Or is faith just a fad?

With religious T-shirts lining the shelves, cars boasting their driver's belief that "Jesus is my copilot" and B.B. King's guitar adorning the offices of a Student Government Association, Kahlil is one of many students who do not believe religion to be just another fashion trend.

"I think that people are searching for answers," said Kahlil, who does not practice religion in his daily life. "I think that people are searching for answers, and B.B. King, who does not believe in religion, has the concept regularly for his second bachelor's degree in mathematics-religious studies track. The conventional mainstream religions are not giving contemporary answers to contemporary problems.

Regardless of the times or trappings it seems many Americans are finding room for God. An online poll for Newsweek magazine states that more than 90 percent of the 120,000 people surveyed call themselves both "spiritual and religious." Additionally, the poll revealed that 60 percent believe that spiritual values are "very important in American daily life."

In an interview for TeenSpeak magazine, Bart Adelstein, best of friends with Newsweek's poll, said, "I think the important problem is that the poll reveals that 40 percent believe that spiritual values are not real."

"It's a real problem because we've seen so many people working so hard to reach their goals, and..." Adelstein added. "People need to ask themselves what they believe in."

Dyer headlines new marketing push at downtown pep rally

Football reaching out to community with hopes of attracting more fans

Tyler King Staff Writer

Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer rounded up UCF football fans and organizations at City Hall for a pep rally Friday as part of a university-wide initiative to bring "UCF's sweltering heat." The initiative is called the UCF Mobile Tailgate and includes cheerleaders, football players, and others. Their goal is to make it as much fun as possible for the home team as they kick off the 2005 season.

"We are out to encourage people to buy game tickets and to remind people that the season is starting and we want them to come out and see the games," Knightro, the student-athlete, said.

Members of the UCF athletic departments have been booming around town, in buses and vans, to garner awareness and support for the Golden Knights football team.

Earlier this summer the Mobile Tailgate got up before the sun to bring the morning Dip at Clear Channel studios breakfast at 4 a.m. People were happy to have him out with us," Assistant Athletics Director of Marketing and Promotions Gert Garman said.

The mayor made a brief appearance at the start of the Orlando City Hall to support UCF football while sporting a Golden Knights polo shirt.

Dyer came out to shake hands and give a few words to those in attendance. Unfortunately, some left after he left the crowd made up for the Knightro left standing in the sweltering heat.

Dyer granted the Future a one-on-one interview, during which he expressed his enthusiasm for the start of the 2005 season.

"The only need that it probably doesn't fill for Knightro is doing his school work," Knightro's date, Kayla Brown, said.

Knightro's ride pimped by student automotive club

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"It's been a big help to have other teams help us," said Chris Klein, president of the student automotive club. "They've been really helpful and friendly."

"We're only one team and we can't do it all," Klein added. "But other teams have been willing to step up and help out for the game."
Hurricane Katrina is building as New Orleans readies for the worst

JUDSON SCOTT

After devastating Haiti and Florida over this past weekend, Hurricane Katrina, which became a monstrous Category 5 storm late yesterday, is expected to make landfall near New Orleans sometime Monday. 

Meteorologists are predicting catastrophic damage for The City. The storm is located below sea level between the Mississippi and Lake Pontchartrain. 

In New Orleans, the city around 500,000 people were advised to stay away from Katrina dumped around two feet of rain on the area. Nine people were killed, either directly or indirectly because of the storm.

OSU students received the arrival of Katrina over the next few days. Wednesday afternoon, but the storm eventually turned towards the north, sparing the university.

Central Florida didn't even catch the outer bands of the storm as it passed across the state and the Finger Lakes. After a weekend of forecasted rain from deck till dawn, the Orlando area only saw quick showers on occasion, and instead dealt with the summer heat.

Team Knightro hopes to boost school spirit with car cart

Cristal Scott

While many students were preparing for classes, parking lots were turning into new apartments on Saturday, as students were forced to kick the new school off in their dorm rooms on the day the Fall semester begins. The between the hours of 6 p.m. and 2 a.m., the main approach to Million Hall was unoccupied and many shut down.

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According to settlement and financial difficulties, two professors were the school's respect. In January, Bryant's been a year of scandals, investigations and financial difficulties, two professors were collecting paychecks while representing California system of discrimination against high schools that teach creationism and other conservative viewpoints.

The Association of Christian schools, which represents more than 8,000 schools, filed a federal lawsuit Thursday claiming that the university had not been served with the lawsuit, because they use textbooks published by the former Soviet Karshi, Uzbekistan. The crowd of about 2,000 attended a bell-ringing ceremony for Sheehan's 24-year-old son who died in Iraq last year.

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RACHEL BAUMBAUM

Fighting off the sun

Despite spending hours under the sun, most college students are cautious about protecting their skin with sunscreen, according to a recent survey done by Reuters Health.

Eighty-five percent of the nearly 600 college students surveyed during the summer and winter breaks said they had not sunscreen at all this past week. Only 1 percent said they'd used it at least three times during the previous week.

The students often blamed circumstances or forgetfulness as the reason they went without sunscreen. But both of the explanations they gave revealed some lack of understanding about the risks involved in using sunscreen.

Brian Adams, senior author of the study, emphasized the importance of using sunscreen.

These students, he told Reuters Health, are at particular risk from excessive sun exposure because they often participate, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., in activities where ultraviolet radiation is strongest - and become more aware of their suntan risk.

Adams, an associate professor of dermatology at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, said recent studies have linked sunscreen use and skin cancer: those who used sunscreen at the playing screen available at the playing days during the previous week. More than three-quarters had not. Many of the reasons the students gave for not wearing sunscreen were! "I don't need it because of their skin type. A low thought that "their basic tan would protect them from getting burned.

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Once again Sunni leaders felt sidelined by their exclusion from the negotiating table. "We call on people to stay to this constitution," Said Ahmed al-Saied, a Sunni leader in Iraq and president of the Iraqi Bar Association, told the media Thursday night. "This constitution was written by the powerful people, not by the people."

Recent activities by Sunnis have included large-scale voter registration drives going up for the Oct. 15 vote in the constitutional referendum where the Iraqi people will be asked to approve the constitution. Ranking as a majority in three of the 18 provinces, Sunnis may have the majority vote and reject the constitution if they so choose in time.

Nancy Stockdale, UCF Middle East Studies professor, sees a Sunni uprising possible. "It speaks to the sense of greatest insecurity of current Iraqi politics: the feeling, real or imagined, that Sunnis are being shut out of official forums of the new Iraq," she said. "The Americans have to figure out a way that they can proportionally engage all segments of the diverse Iraqi population in the rebuilding process of the nation lest they want to see further deterioration of the security situation."

Stockdale also looked at history when contemplating the future of Iraq, noting that it is reminiscent of modern Iraq. "A new Iraq put together from three very different former Ottoman provinces by the British."

Stockdale added, "However, I don't think that governing autonomy is doomed to failure by any means, since there are examples of this in various places of the world that work. A major challenge will arise if the central government cannot accept various autonomous decisions, and/or if the autonomous regions decide that they do not wish to surrender any authority to the central government."

Some UCF students view the entire situation in a Washington insider-scan. "I truly believe Bush would try to push anything through just to have a theme to dance for the Republicans and the midterm elections," UCF student Laura Randle said. "I think the Iraqis should take as much time as they need to get a workable constitution that all three groups can live with."

"It will take a tremendous amount of planning and compromise to make it work," Stockdale said. "It does not seem that Iraq is at all stable enough for this right now."

Sunnis were advised to participate in negotiations Saturday, but little was accomplished as the constitution language was modified but the clauses remained the same. Kurdistan and Shia leaders believe they more than compromised with the Sunni leaders.

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Poll shows that majority of students are spiritual.
Speaker position has had White's eye for years

developed during his career with SGA.
Since his election to Senate as a freshman, White has served in a number of positions, including legislative assistant to a previous speaker and Senate president pro tempore. When White was not able to serve on the 36th Senate after hiring a close election, he worked hard to remain involved with SGA, and soon became the legislative assistant to then-Speaker Peter Clements.
During White's tenure as legislative assistant, an engineering seat became vacant and White returned to the 36th Senate as a member by way of a presidential appointment. While served as the chair of the
Operation Review Committee, and would later become the Senate parliamentory service assistant to a previous speaker.' White said, "I want to make sure that those elected to the 38th Senate are educated, committed, and confident after attending their Senate retreat."
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"These qualities will allow me and the many others involved with SGA, keep student interests the first priority at UCF," he added. While White's passion for the office and student government, in general, may well be his greatest qualification to lead the Senate into the new academic year.
"The position of speaker of the Senate is something that I have aspired to since day one," said White. "As the 38th Senate's freshman, White said, "It is a position that I have held in the highest respect and to know that my fellow senators have the same respect for me is remarkable."
The Senate's new president also understands the obligations of the position he has accepted, and plans to meet them head on.
"I really see it as a great honor and privilege to receive speaker of the Senate. With that honor and privilege also comes the commitment which will be demanded of me and I do not intend to let down my fellow senators."

Mayor to fans: 'We are excited about the upcoming season'

When White was not able to lead the new Senate into its inaugural session, White said, "I am not as close to the students as I was in the past."

By those years of legislative experience and previous speakers as my mentors, I felt that I was the best candidate to lead the student Senate into the new semester," explained White.

White has an ambitious agenda for his time leading the Senate. Among the goals he has set for his tenure, one top priority will be planning the retreat for the 38th Senate, which is traditionally planned by the previous speaker.
"The 37th Senate did not have a retreat planned when they arrived and it really set us back as an organization when it came to knowledge of the statutes, rules and procedures," White said. "I want to make sure that those elected to the 38th Senate are educated, committed, and confident after attending their Senate retreat."
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Additional "Free Nights" offer added. "We are excited about the upcoming season," Mayor said.

When White was not able to lead the new Senate into its inaugural session, White said, "I am not as close to the students as I was in the past."

By those years of legislative experience and previous speakers as my mentors, I felt that I was the best candidate to lead the student Senate into the new semester," explained White.

White has an ambitious agenda for his time leading the Senate. Among the goals he has set for his tenure, one top priority will be planning the retreat for the 38th Senate, which is traditionally planned by the previous speaker.
"The 37th Senate did not have a retreat planned when they arrived and it really set us back as an organization when it came to knowledge of the statutes, rules and procedures," White said. "I want to make sure that those elected to the 38th Senate are educated, committed, and confident after attending their Senate retreat."
The newly elected speaker also plans to focus on "keeping the emphasis on communication between the student body and the Student Government Association." White further explained that he is "hard-working, diplomatic, and passionate about the legislative branch and student government as a whole."
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Underdog upstages women's soccer in West Coast opener

Unranked Pepperdine Waves knock off No. 26 UCF as season begins

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Women's soccer came up short in its season opener against the Pepperdine Waves on Friday afternoon. The No. 28 Golden Knights were favored to win against the unranked Waves, but fell 2-1 after an offensive flurry by Pepperdine in the first half.

The Waves were able to contain two veteran players from Pepperdine as Waves senior goalie Robin Riddle held firm all game long. Then the senior Megan Wood scored from 12 yards out at 10:08 to give the scores a 1-0 lead. Those two goals made up for the loss of goals being scored. Pepperdine was able to keep the score close, but ultimately fell to Pepperdine.

PREVIEW: KNIGHTS FOOTBALL

After the Knights' defense was sabotaged a year ago by multiple injuries, a mix of experience and youth take to the field to provide the answers to many uncertainties

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"I'm seeing a huge difference," linebackers coach Dave Hamula said. "You enter out to prac­tice and you can just see the speed of contact. We're bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much bigger and we're stronger. You actually hear some pads popping and the contact speed is so much
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Brief lack of focus costs Knights in loss to pepperdine

The Golden Knights did not make the most of the first half though as the Waves had five corner kicks to one for UCF.

"We came out in the first half going back and forth, but when Pepperdine scored the two goals within three minutes, our momentum fell," Coach Amanda Guenther said.

The tempo of the game changed in the second half as both teams came out more on the offensive, but UCF had a rough time keeping up as the Waves' defense and Pepperdine's goalie and Aras Pajewski.

The offensive pressure paid off as junior forward Adham Rashwan scored his third goal of the season off of a feed from sophomore Jocelyn Newport in the second half.

"Our seniors came out and set the tone for us early and let us get into a nice rhythm," Pepperdine Coach Tim Ward said.

The next stop on the season will be in three games at home as the Knights continue lengthy voyage toward the Sun Conference title.

First home match still six matches away as Knights continue lengthy voyage
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McDowell was dealing with cell phone issues with thenostalgia of a giant's title.

The problem is that our giant just refuses to wake up.

I've written before about the morning five years ago when I woke up to ESPN College Football GameDay and Lee Corso talked about how if you give UCF five years, the Knights will be competing for a national championship.

I remember that day like it was yesterday. I was thrilled and it filled me with pride. UCF was finally going to make it happen.

But now, the dream is over. The program has been on the hot seat for years, and the Knights are still in the same boat.

I think that's what McDowell is meaning when he talks about the program being in the same boat.

So, let's hope this week is the start of something new for the Knights. We need a new beginning, a new direction, and a new mindset.

This is your wake-up call.
Games aren't the only thing that need to be won

I have become so sick and tired of telling people that I believe one win this season is better than last year's horrific results. I'm sick and tired because I want once again to be the program's biggest fan, instead of its biggest critic.

That's the problem. I have to be objective and point out that a winless season is pathetic. I'm the fall guy when it comes to people bashing this team because I'm the easiest target. I could easily fire out 200 columns per week about how UCF football couldn't beat Kennesaw State in a Trouble-voting contest, but what would be the point?

I'm the lowest monkey on the nation's totem pole and no one wants to criticize the Orlando Sentinel guys so instead we just pick on the lovable student newspaper pony boy. But that's my job and I don't mind it.

Deep down in my cold, black heart I know this truth is talent. I didn't just buy into this Whole sleeping giant thing. I loved my life and I still do because it has many quality student-athletes within this program and they are going to shine.

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People are concerned because everyone wants immediate results. I'm no different. I want this team to perform and I want wins now. That all starts on Thursday with the season opener against South Carolina.

Who cares about Steve Spencer's return to college football? The guy inherited a troubled program that has hundreds of players to help realize that same train of thought. It's the point?

But if people truly believe that, then let's freaking wake up and open up the ESPN.com home page and see a photo of Steve's return to college football with the latest story about UCF. I know I e-mailed the story to pretty much everyone in the civilized world because — almost shockingly — the story was wrong.

If people as high up as ESPN can realize that there is a pulse in this program, then I'd like to think that the players and fans would also develop that same train of thought. It usually takes a season after a major coaching change for a team to get back on track. Need further evidence? Take a peak at former USC Coach Lou Holtz's first season with the Gators, winless and wordless, but he turned that train around... despite the tarnished methods he used.

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The Golden Rule
2005 - 2006
Student Handbook
To All University of Central Florida Students,

Welcome to the University of Central Florida. We are pleased you chose UCF to begin or continue your collegiate experience.

The Golden Rule was specifically created to provide the answers for many of your questions regarding university rules and regulations. This section attempts to define your rights and responsibilities as a member of the university community and to give you a better understanding of your role as a student at UCF.

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities is delegated the responsibility for providing information to students regarding university policies and procedures. Further, it is our goal to assist all students in interpreting this information and utilizing the information as they travel through the various academic programs at UCF. If The Golden Rule leaves any of your questions unanswered, we hope you will contact the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for clarification.

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 Ferrell Commons 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
1. The Golden Rule Review Committee

This committee shall be established for the purpose of responding to the changing needs of the Golden Rule 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 GRRC meetings.

   a. These students shall be considered ex-officio.

   b. They 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 times, location, proposals under review and voting records 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 GRRC meeting. The proposal shall then 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 the proposal into the Golden Rule, he/she shall outline all 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.

6. When reviewing sections of the Golden Rule for which the content is mandated by another University document, the Committee may propose changes to sections in such a document which are reflected in the Golden Rule through the appropriate administrative channels.

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.

1. Participation in Student Government Association and its elective process.

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. Restrictions 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 ownership and publication date 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 Office of Student Involvement, 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 Involvement.

   c. The distribution of materials or circulation of petitions to captive audiences such as those in classrooms, at registration in study areas or on residential units is not allowed without prior permission. Such permission may be requested from the appropriate university official.

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 local laws, or University rules.

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

   a. Disciplinary proceedings involving alleged violations 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 affected 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.”

   c. Disciplinary sanctions. For Student Rights and Responsibility Act Regulations, 99.31.13. However, where the student conduct review process is invoked for a sex offense, both the victim/survivor and the accused must be informed of the final outcome of the student conduct review process without a commitment to protect the confidentiality of the information, pursuant to the Clery Act Regulations, 668.60(b)(11). The “final outcome” means only the final determination with respect to the alleged sex offense and any sanction that is imposed against the accused.

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 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 accomplishment of 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 advance the interests 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 social responsibilities. High ethical and moral standards of con-
duct 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 efficient operation of the University. 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 established consequences 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: Student Rights & Responsibilities, are designed to help students target health related problems and find solutions.

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 of the student's academic advisor or designee or 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, or

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

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 action.

b. The opportunity to examine the psychiatric or other evaluation 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 accompany 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 three (3) calendar days after the date 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 University Crisis Committee for reconsideration. The Associate Vice President for Campus Life shall have fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the appeal to review the case and render a decision.

7. Further administrative appeal may be made in writing to the University President within five (5) calendar days of the date of the University President's decision. The University President may, within three (3) days, approve, modify, or reject the Associate Vice President's decision. The University President's decision may be appealed to the Board for appeal. The Board for appeal may accept, modify, or reject the University President's decision. This decision shall be final and is not subject to further appeal.

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 certified that the student does not pose a serious threat of harm to himself/herself or others. If 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 not involuntarily withdrawn may be subject to conditions related to continuing 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 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 where 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 policies and practices are preferred in serious instances of misconduct, without regard to whether there might be a mental health issue 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 administrative officers, the regular Student Conduct Review Process is not applicable or cannot be applied.

E. 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 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 interests of any part of the University. A student is continuously enrolled, once admitted, unless the student fails to register in two consecutive terms and must re-apply for University admission.

1. Academic Dishonesty/Cheating

a. Cheating is a violation of student academic behavior standards. The common forms of cheating include:

i. Unauthorized assistance: communication to another through oral, physical, electronic, or oral means. The presentation of material which has not been studied or learned, but rather was obtained 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 notes, outlines, etc. without authorization or using them for any commercial purpose without the express 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 and to convey the impression that such work is the student's own.

2. Possessing and/or Providing False and Misleading Information and/or Falsification of University Records
   a. Withholding related to information, or furnishing false or misleading information (oral or written) to University officials, university and non-university law enforcement officers, 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.

3. Disruptive Conduct
   a. An act which intentionally impairs, interferes with, or obstructs the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of the University or any part thereof.
   b. Any act which deliberately impedes or interferes with the normal flow of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
   c. Any act which tampers with, without the consent of any University student organization or group.
   d. Misuse of any University safety equipment, fire fighting equipment, or fire alarms.
   e. An act which deliberately interferes with the academic freedom or the freedom of speech of any member or guest of the University community.
   f. A false report of an explosive or other fire device, which constitutes a threat or bomb scare.
   g. Conduct which is lewd or indecent.
   h. Breach of peace: an act, which aids, abets, or procures another person to breach the peace on the University premises or at University sponsored/related functions.
   i. Failure to comply with oral or written instruction from duly authorized University officials acting within the scope of their job duties or law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties, including failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.

4. Personal Abuse
   a. Verbal or written abuse of any person including lewd, indecent, or obscene expressions of conduct.
   b. Physical abuse or threat of physical abuse to any person.
   c. Harassment: defined as behavior (including written or electronic communication such as AOL IM, 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.
   f. This personal abuse policy does not apply in those instances where it is found that a student is acting in self defense.

5. Sexual Abuse
   a. Sexual Assault: acquaintance rape (date, friend, someone the victim knows casually or through mutual friends) or any other form of rape. Rape is defined as non-consensual sexual penetration, coercion, or penetration against the victim's will.
   b. Any sexual conduct which occurs on or off the UCF campus shall be consensual. Consent, to be valid, must be: i. freely and actively given
   ii. in mutually understandable words or actions
   iii. consent to one form of sexual activity can never imply consent to other forms of sexual activity
   iv. consent is not the lack of resistance; there is no duty to fight off a sexual aggressor
   v. consent can be withdrawn at any time, as long as the withdrawal is clearly communicated to the person withdrawing consent through words or actions.
   vi. A person shall not knowingly take advantage of another person who is under 18 years of age, mentally defective, under the influence of prescribed medication, alcohol or other chemical drugs, or who is not conscious or awake, and thus is not able to give consent as defined above. Further, a person shall not physically or verbally coerce another person to engage in any form of sexual conduct, to the end that consent as defined above is not given.
   vii. Any attempted acts of sexual abuse are also violations of this policy.
   b. Sexual Harassment: unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or conduct of a sexual nature which prevents or impedes another person's full enjoyment of the educational benefits, aids, or services of the University in such a manner which could reasonably be expected to subject another person to embarrassment, discomfort, or other distress.
   c. Voyeurism: sexual stimulation or sexual gratification, by observation of another person's nude body or intimate parts, or observations of sexual acts.
   d. Solicitation: attempting to commit by solicitation sexual acts of a minor by oral, written or electronic means.
   e. UCF will use discretion in accommodating the victim as well as protecting the rights of the accused violator(s). UCF will not attempt to shelter students from federal, state, and/or local laws pertaining to sexual abuse. For further information see "Provisions for Victims/Survivors."

6. Larceny/Property Damage
   a. Unauthorized use, possession, or control of property. Such property may be personal or public.
   b. Damage or defacing of University property or the property of another person whether or not it is on University premises.

7. Hazing
   a. Any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health and/or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, any organization operating under registration with the University.
   b. Brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements; forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substances; or other forced elements; or other forced activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.
   c. 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 any other activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.
   d. 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.

8. Unauthorized use of Keys, and/or Entry
   a. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys to any University premises.
   b. Unauthorized entry or attempted entry.

9. 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, sale 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 other weapon on University premises or at University sponsored/related activities.
    b. Possession or use of fire works of any description, explosives, or chemicals which are disruptive, exploitive, or corrosive on University premises or at University sponsored/related activities.

13. Instigation or Participation in Group Disturbances, Demonstrations, Parades, or Picketings
    a. Participation in a demonstration(s), parade(s), or picketing which invades 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 and/or normal activities within any campus building or area.

14. Misuse of Computing and Telecommunications Resources
    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 telecommunication networks. Suspected 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 clarifies the Campus Housing Internet Policy (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 nature 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.
   i. Certain types of information, such as obscene material, are not entitled to First Amendment protection.
   ii. Users shall not use University computing resources to impersonate another individual.
   iii. All e-mail messages must correctly identify the sender.
   iv. Users shall not modify the original attribution of e-mail messages.
   v. Users shall not use the University's computing resources or telecommu-
cation networks to send e-mail "spam".

iv. For the purposes of this document e-mail shall include postings to newsgroups, listservs, point-to-point messages such as those generated by Internet mailers including ICQ, AOL Instant Messenger, Yahoo Pager, etc., or any electronic messages involving computers and/or computer networks.

e. 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.

i. Unauthorized distribution of audio files containing copyrighted content, such as mpeg audio (mp3), is prohibited.

ii. 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.

1. Unauthorized distribution of video files containing copyrighted content such as mpeg video and other formats, is prohibited.

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

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

ii. The following servers are not allowed unless registered with NOC. The list includes, but is not limited to: peer-to-peer file sharing software, FTP servers, Telnet servers, DCC or Chat servers, NFS servers, SMB or Windows File Share servers (Network Neighborhood), Apple share servers or NFS servers.

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

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

e. 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.

i. Users shall not intentionally damage, disable, or disrupt computer or telecommunications equipment or software.

ii. 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.

f. 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 any thing 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 chance for money or for anything of value 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

Reported 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(s). 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
- Informal disposition
- Formal disposition

1. Case dismissal

The Director of OSRR or designee 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 violation of the rules of conduct.

2. Administrative action

In unusual cases, which dictate a decision for the welfare of any individual or for the 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, suspension, probation, 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.

3. Mediation

Depending on the nature and severity of the alleged violation, the Director of OSRR or designee may refer the case to the Discipline 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.

4. Informal 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, restitution, community service; counseling; or other educational sanctions.

5. 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:

a. The student's name, and address.

b. Brief description of the alleged violation including dates, times and places known at the time formal charges are prepared.

c. Names of potential witnesses known at the time formal charges are prepared.

d. A description of any written or physical evidence known at the time formal charges are prepared.

e. Notice to attend a required preliminary conference during which the student will receive instructions regarding the disciplinary process and the student's role in the forum in which the case will be heard, and an opportunity to inspect and/or copy the evidence known at the time formal charges are prepared that likely could be presented at the hearing, and notice on how to contact the SGA Judicial Advisor.

6. Student Hearing

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.

7. Student Hearing Panel

A student hearing panel is to consider individual cases. The Director of OSRR or designee shall consist of two (2) faculty and administrative staff members combined, and two (2) students. Each panel shall elect a chair among its members available to serve in a particular disciplinary hearing. The University, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, or appoint additional members on an ad hoc basis.

8. University Student Conduct Board

The student hearing panel shall consider individual cases rather than randomly selected by the Director of OSRR or designee from the Student Conduct Board and shall consist of two (2) faculty and administrative staff members combined, and two (2) students. Each panel shall elect a chair among its members available to serve in a particular disciplinary hearing. The University, the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, or appoint additional members on an ad hoc basis.
8. Administrative Hearings

Administrative hearings shall be conducted by a faculty or staff member randomly selected by the Director of the OSRR or designee from the Student Conduct Board. The student shall be informed of a hearing officer assigned to her/his case and shall have the opportunity to challenge the impartiality of the individual within three (3) school days. Notice shall be provided that a student has agreed to have the hearing officer 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 the OSRR or designee may accept the recommendation of “in violation” or “not in violation” or remand the case for rehearing. If the Director of the OSRR or designee accepts the recommendation of “in violation,” they may approve, mitigate or increase the sanctions recommended by the administrative hearing officer, based on standards set forth in the Disciplinary Sanctions section of the Student Conduct Review Process.

Any decision by the Director of OSRR or designee to alter sanctions or return a case shall be accompanied by a concise and explicit written statement that explains the basis for that decision.

B. Conduct of Hearings

The following is furnished as a guide to the sequence of events in a hearing:

1. Reading of charges.
2. Student plea of “in violation” or “not in violation”
3. Presentation of evidence against the charged student.
4. Presentation of evidence in defense of the charged student.
5. Deliberation (in confidential executive session).
6. Announcement of the recommendation.

C. Case Record

The case record shall consist of the following items:

1. A copy of the formal charges in writing.
2. A video tape recording of the hearing.
3. All staff memoranda and/or data submitted.
4. All items of physical evidence submitted, provided such items are not returned to a rightful owner. In that case, photographs or other facsimiles shall be made before return.
5. The recommendation by the hearing panel or administrator, if any.
6. The Director of OSRR's decision.

4. Student Rights During the Student Conduct

Review Process

The following rights shall be explained to each 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 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 served 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, a more detailed and definitive statement shall be furnished prior to the commencement of any formal hearing.

2. The student may have an advisor of the student's choice present at the hearing. The Director of OSRR 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 hear and question adverse witnesses who testify at the hearing.

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 the 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 governance 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 shall supersede 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.

6. Disciplinary Sanctions

The sanctions which may be imposed on students for violations of any of the Rules of Conduct of this University shall include any of 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 University rules 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 specified 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 organization, 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 or position. 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 by an official of the University in accordance with University policies. Students shall be authorized to be on University premises, the Director of OSRR or designee shall consider whether the suspension creates an undue hardship or designee may refer cases to the appropriate hearing panel after consideration of the facts. The Director of the OSRR or designee serves as a general advisor to these boards. Designated advisors may be assigned to each of these boards as well.

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 permanent record of the individual concerned.

E. Disciplinary Sanction

Review Request

1. Disciplinary Probation

After a student has completed a semester of their disciplinary probation they have the opportunity to request a review of their probation status. This request can only be submitted once a semester. Such a review shall allow the student the opportunity to discuss the facts and outcomes of their case.
behavior. In considering this request a student's good behavior shall assume that the student is performing above and beyond the basic requirements of their sanction(s). Students that simply fulfill the minimum requirements of their sanction(s) will not have their probation re-evaluated. If the student decides to use this procedure they must submit a written statement to the Director of OSRR explaining why they feel their probation should end early. Such a written statement should include but is not limited to:

- Involuntary and or voluntary psychological testing
- Counseling
- Educational programs
- Community involvement/service
- Occupational growth

This statement will then be reviewed by the Director of OSRR or designee and he/she shall issue a decision within 14 calendar days. The decision shall include an assessment of the student's progress and if rejected a rationale of the decision.

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:

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 and the student was not known or could not reasonably have been discovered and/or presented at the time of the initial hearing.

3. The sanctions are extraordinarily disproportionate to the violation(s).

B. 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 of the disciplinary decision. The Associate Vice President for Campus Life or designee 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.

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 notified of the Associate Vice President's decision. The Vice President or designee 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.

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 conduct record may be sealed upon the successful submission and review of appropriate paperwork 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 reported in writing to the Director of Campus Life at each area campus, center, instructional site, or UCF affiliated community campus, 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 consultation 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 the OSRR or designee who may dismiss a case if it is found to have not sufficient 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.

2. Administrative action

In unusual cases, which dictate 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 lesser sanction that is determined necessary to protect the interests of all concerned.

The sanction of disciplinary probation with restrictive conditions, suspension or expulsion shall be approved in advance by the Director of OSRR or designee, Orlando Campus. All action taken at the area campus may be subject to review by the Director of the OSRR or designee, Orlando Campus, the Associate Vice President for Campus Life and the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services.

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.

3. Mediation

Depending on the nature and severity of the alleged violation, the Director of OSRR or designee, Orlando Campus, may refer the situation 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 impartial mediators to communicate their concerns and needs to each other and to reach their own agreement on the issues discussed. These mediators have been carefully selected and have completed a rigorous training program. The participants are responsible for keeping their agreement or re-negotiating it, if necessary. In the event that the participants do not reach a full and final resolution, the case would be referred back to the Director of OSRR or designee, Orlando Campus, for disciplinary action.

4. Informal disposition

At the discretion of the Director of Campus Life, infractions not warranting formal disposition may be settled administratively by one or more of the following outcomes: disciplinary warning; restitutions; community service; counseling or other educational sanctions. This informal disposition shall take place on the area campus.

5. 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 Campus Life shall request that the Director of the OSRR or designee, Orlando campus, present formal charges. At this point the same procedure as outlined in the Student Conduct Review Process for Formal Disposition shall take place.

B. Appeals Within the Conduct Review Process

The procedure for Appeals within the Conduct Review Process for the Area Campuses shall be the same as those for the main (Orlando) campus as previously outlined.

C. 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 conduct record may be sealed upon the successful submission and review of appropriate paperwork 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 records being sealed.

9. Evaluation of Student Conduct Review Process

The student conduct review process will be evaluated not less than every three (3) calendar years by a University committee comprised of three (3) student members appointed by the Student Body President to the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services and three (3) faculty and/or staff members appointed by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services, one of who shall be an attorney within the General Counsel's Office.

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 policies 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 promote the health and well being of
students. This policy will provide parents an opportunity to partner with their student and the University to address behaviors that could place students at risk of harming themselves or others.

The University of Central Florida will notify parents or guardians of dependent students, defined in F.S. 228.003 under the age of 21, when the student is found responsible for violating University alcohol or other drug policies as found in the student handbook, The Golden Rule.

B. Parents will be notified if:
1. The student has been found for the second or more time(s) in violation of the University policy regarding the use, possession, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages.
2. The student has been found for the second or more time(s) in violation of the University policy regarding public intoxication.
3. The student has been found in violation of 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 in violation of the University policy regarding belligerent and/or aggressive behavior while under the influence of alcoholic beverages or a narcotic or other controlled substance not expressly permitted by law.
5. The student has been found in violation of the University policy regarding the attempt to obtain or use, possession, sale, or distribution of any narcotic or other controlled substance not prescribed by law.
6. 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.

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/or 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, electronic, or oral assistance including that obtained from another student or another source is utilized on 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 breach 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

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 alleged violation is based. The instructor shall give the student the opportunity to respond in defense. If the instructor continues to believe a violation of academic behavior has occurred, the instructor in consultation with the unit head shall inform the student in writing of the academic 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, expulsion, or project; failure of the course) 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 the student shall not be withdrawn from the course in question. Only a written release from the instructor of the authorized party deciding a student shall take appropriate withdrawal. However, if the student appeals the academic action and desires to withdraw from the course, the withdrawal request shall be initiated by the student immediately in the normal University manner. Such withdrawal request 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 that 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 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 standards is received by the Director of the OSRR or designee from somewhere other than institutional sources (e.g., other students, University police, etc.), the Director of the OSRR 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 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 information 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;
  - c. Alleged errors in application of grading procedures;
  - c. Alleged lowering of grades for non-academic reasons including undisclosed plagiarism.
ii. Actions taken by an instructor pursuant to the provisions of the UCF policy on "Student Academic Behavior" as the student becomes aware of the action.

2. General Policy - The following assumptions are adopted:

- a. Students are entitled to a fair, prompt, and open resolution of complaints.
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3. Resolution of Student Appeals at Informal Level

a. All student academic appeals regarding academic action(s) by an instructor or administrator shall first be brought to the attention of the instructor of the course or administrator perpetuating the action. This action must be initiated within one semester of the alleged wronged 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, if that person is not available, the student may continue to pursue an informal solution with the unit head or dean 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, except as noted above. If such action is not available, the student may continue to pursue an informal solution with the unit head or dean or designee of the college in which the action occurred.

3. Resolution of Student Appeals at Formal Informal Level

a. All student academic appeals regarding academic action(s) by an instructor or administrator shall first be brought to the attention of the instructor of the course or administrator perpetuating the action. This action must be initiated within one semester of the alleged wronged 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, if that person is not available, the student may continue to pursue an informal solution with the unit head or dean or designee of the college in which the action occurred.

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Academic appeals at the college level

4. Resolution of student academic appeals at the college level

a. 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 work weeks in writing or provide a reason why the deadline could not be met. If the student is not 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 the broader segment of the campus represented by the committee also judges the action as warranted. If so, the student may suggest a resolution for the action. Before filing the complaint, the student should consult with the 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 basis of the original complaint, the name of the student, the instructor, head, or supervisor, met with the student to discuss the problem, and the suggested resolution at that time.

d. The Student Academic Appeals 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 pool 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.

ey. The college dean at 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 shall 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 present 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 appealable and relevant complaint, and has had at least 5 school days to study it, if desired, any information. The student shall be provided with a copy of any material submitted by the instructor at least 5 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 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 and evaluating all available and relevant information concerning the student's appeal of academic action by the instructor. Such relevant 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 to present any material as specified by the rules of the committee's recommendations by majority vote. The committee chair shall design and administer the ballot for the committee's recommendations. These recommendations concerning the disposition of the case shall be submitted to the college dean.

7. After meeting with both parties, the committee shall develop its recommendations by majority vote. The committee chair shall designate the procedure for 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 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 10 school days, file a written request for review with the dean of undergraduate 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 10 school days of receipt of the student's request for review. Copies of the dean's written decision and the basis therefor shall be sent to the student, the college dean, the chair, the director of the OSKR, 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 rests 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. Satisfaction of 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 the standards is expected in a particular discipline or program. Failure to maintain the standards is expected in a particular discipline or program. Failure to maintain the standards is expected in a particular discipline or program. Failure to maintain the standards is expected in a particular discipline or program.

b. Academic grievances. The office of the provost shall follow the procedures for academic grievances as outlined below. Academic grievances are those involving graduate instruction, graduate research, or decisions involving graduate instruction or 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. Local appeals for individual courses (not thesis or dissertation requirements).

ii. Non-academic issues of a disciplinary nature

Both of the above items (#1 and #2) are handled by the college graduate coordinator (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 invoke procedures determined by the Office of Research.

d. Students who believe they have been treated unfairly, with the previous exceptions, may initiate a grievance. The procedure provides several levels of review, and at each level of review the participants are further removed and have a broader outlook than where the grievance originated.

1. The 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 graduate student as well as others who may provide useful information to a scheduled meeting to present arguments for the grievance. The unit graduate committee will recommend a response to the grievance to the graduate program coordinator.

c. The graduate program coordinator will consider the input of the unit graduate committee and make a recommendation to the unit head about the grievance. The unit head will then make a final unit decision about the grievance at that level.

d. Should the graduate student wish to appeal the decision of the unit head, the student or unit head may request in writing to the college graduate coordinator (if this is the next most appropriate unit) or the Office of Graduate Studies (if this is the next most appropriate unit) that the grievance be reconsidered at this level. The college graduate coordinator may ask the college graduate committee to examine the information and consider the grievance at a scheduled meeting. The college graduate committee may request that the graduate student attend and present information and arguments about the grievance and invite others who may provide useful information to do the same. The college graduate committee will recommend a response to the grievance to the college graduate coordinator.

e. The college graduate coordinator will consider the input of the college graduate committee and make a recommendation to the college academic appeals committee on the grievance. The college dean will then make a final decision about the grievance at that level.

f. Should the graduate student wish to appeal the decision of the college academic appeals committee (if it is the next most appropriate), the student may request in writing to the
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, where possible, before the filing of a formal written grievance. 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 appointed by the President of the University based on recommendations from the President’s Advisory Staff and from the Student Body President. Those eligible for appointment:
   a. Full-time faculty
   b. A & P and Career Service employees who hold administrative positions

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 be given by the party making the challenge.

11. “Challenge for cause” 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.

E. Formal Resolution of Grievances

1. If informal resolution attempts do not succeed, the student may present the grievance in writing in the form indicated in (b).

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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 act(s) 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 6C7-5003 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: _____________________
below. This written grievance shall be mailed or delivered to the clerk of the University (University General Counsel's Office) no later than 25 days following the date on which the alleged act or omission is the subject of the grievance occurred or not later than 25 days from the date the student acquired knowledge of, or could be reasonably expected to have acquired knowledge of, the alleged act or omission unless the time limit has been extended by mutual agreement.

2. Formal grievance shall be presented in the following format (see fig. 1).

3. Upon receipt of a formal student grievance, the clerk of the University will review the grievance to determine whether 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 step 1 of procedures. After review of the grievance, the clerk of the University will notify the respondent of receipt of the grievance and the respondent's reply thereto. The respondent shall be mailed or delivered to the appropriate vice president and the clerk of the University.

4. Within 15 days of receipt of notification of the grievance, the respondent (or in absence of the respondent, the respondent's supervisor) shall prepare a written response to the allegations(s) made by the student and furnish copies of this response to the grievant, to the appropriate vice president, and the clerk of the University.

5. Upon receipt of the grievance and the respondent's reply thereto, the respondent's vice president shall take action as follows:

a. If the grievant selects Option A (as noted on the format): After review of the grievance and the response thereto, the vice president shall establish the University position and notify the grievant and the respondent of the decision. This notification shall be made in writing within 25 days following the date the vice president's receipt of the grievance and respondent's reply thereto, and shall be forwarded to the grievant by the clerk of the University.

b. If the grievant selects Option B: i. Within 5 days after receipt of the grievance and respondent's reply, the vice president shall appoint an investigator from among the members of the Student Grievance Panel. This appointment shall be subject to challenge for cause and to no more than 2 peremptory challenges by either party;

ii. The investigator shall file his report and recommendations with the vice president within 15 days after receipt of the grievance and the respondent's reply thereto. This report shall be in writing and shall include, but need not be limited to statements by the grievant and the respondent; statements by any witnesses testifying on behalf of either party; and any documents in support of either position; the investigator's findings and recommendation to the appropriate vice president.

iii. 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 by the clerk of the University.

c. If the grievant selects Option C: i. Within 5 days after receipt of the formal grievance, the respondent's vice president shall appoint a Student Grievance Board to review the case. This board shall consist of 8 members who are members of the Student Grievance Panel. Two shall be faculty members; 2 shall be administrators and 4 shall be students. Either party may challenge for cause any panel member selected to serve on the board and may also peremptorily challenge no more than 2 of the selected. The exercise of all challenges, the Vice President shall name one member of the board to act as chair.

ii. Proceedings of the Student Grievance Board shall be carried out under the following general principles:

a. The board's record of proceedings and recommendations shall be delivered, in writing, to the vice president no later than 30 days after the date the board is appointed.

b. Where applicable, the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply for purposes of discovery. The chair may issue appropriate orders to effect discovery and to prevent unnecessary delay. This shall not be construed to prevent continuances upon the showing of good cause.

c. All parties to the grievance may make opening and closing statements, offer testimony and evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

d. The rules of evidence need not be strictly followed but may be liberally construed in the interest of a fair and prompt adjudication of the grievance.

e. The fact-finding portion of the grievance shall be open.

f. No provision in the student grievance procedure shall preclude an informal settlement of the grievance at any stage of the process. Deliberation immediately upon conclusion of the fact-finding portion of the hearing, or as soon thereafter as is practical, the grievant, the respondent, and all witnesses shall be dismissed and the board shall go into closed session to deliberate. Within 14 days, a written recommendation shall be prepared and submitted to the presumption board for approval.

iii. 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. 1. Records shall be kept to meet the needs of the student and such records on limited access records are not open to public inspection and 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 and Administration are designated as custodians of limited access records.

2. Separate student files may be maintained at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, 32818, in the following offices:

   a. Academic, supporting documents and general education records (Registrar)
   b. Student disciplinary records (Director of OSRR)
   c. Medical records (Director of Student Health Services)
   d. Financial Aid records (Director of Financial Aid)
   e. Counseling and Testing Centers
   f. Director of Counseling and Testing Center
   g. Student Legal Services records (Director of Student Legal Services)
   h. Dispute Resolution Services records (Coordinator of Dispute Resolution Services)
   i. Placement Center records (Director of Career Resource Center)
   j. Student Repayment records (University Comptroller)
   k. Veterans' records (Director of Veterans Affairs)
   l. Law enforcement records (Director of University Police)

3. Information relating to the items below is not relevant to the educational process, except for counseling, statistical, and research purposes. Therefore, no provision in the student grievance procedure shall preclude the University naming the student in relation to the following information, except with the expressed written consent of the student.

   a. Race
   b. Gender
   c. Religion
   d. Disability
   e. Political or social views
   f. Membership in organizations other than honoray or professional organizations directly related to the education process

B. All persons handling student records shall be instructed concerning the confidentiality 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 by Florida Statutes.

C. Record-keeping personnel may have access to confidential student records 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, the director or the administrative office.

Persons with administrative assignments may have access to confidential student records and files, except counseling and health records, for internal educational purposes, including necessary administrative and statistical purposes, prior approval of the chair of the department.

The records of a student which are created or maintained by a physician, or psychologist, or other professional or paraprofessional acting in his or her professional or paraprofessional capacity, or assisting in that capacity, and which are created or maintained, or used only in connection with the provision of treatment to the student, are not available to any one other than persons providing such treatment, provided, however, that such records shall be personally reviewed by a physician or other appropriate professional of the student's choice and with the written consent of the student. Financial records of the parents of the student or any information contained therein are limited to professional staff immediately responsible for those areas of University operation.

The records of a student which are created or maintained by an attorney employed in Student Legal Services (SLS) or other paraprofessional acting in his or her capacity, and which are created or maintained in connection with the provision of legal services to a student are not available to any other person except as permitted by the Florida Bar Rules. The attorney-client confidentiality rule is subject to very few exceptions. A SLS attorney representing a student will reveal information regarding representation only in very limited instances such as a student's own written request, a final court order, or whenever appropriate in carrying out his or her representation. No information will be given in response to telephone inquiries except as permitted by the Florida Bar Rules.

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 intramural, intercollegiate and intercollegiate athletic teams may be given in response to a written request to the applicable records custodian.

E. Students may request this information 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 in the above, the University may not release personally identifiable information without written consent of the student to any party, except 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 Florida Statutes;
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. § 522(a)(b)(c)(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.

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.

Potential employers may be given the above information if the student furnishes proper credentials and offers proof that the student for which the inquiry is being made has given written permission for 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.

I. Information may be released to University officials with a legitimate educational interest or with a concern for a significant risk to the health and safety of members of the University community, as well as to such other individuals at other educational institutions with similar interests or concerns.

14. Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free Schools Policy

This is a statement of the standards of conduct and disciplinary sanctions to be imposed for the unlawful possession, use or 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, or use of a controlled substance or the unlawful possession or use of alcohol is prohibited 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, an action which may include termination or expulsion and referral 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 or other drug abuse or dependency disorders. The University’s alcoholic beverages policy is stated below.

A. Campus Alcoholic Beverages Policy

1. Policy- The sale, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall comply with state and federal laws, city and county ordinances, and the licensing agreement with campus distributors which allows for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. In addition, the University has formulated the following policies governing the sale, service, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus.

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

a. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by persons younger than 21 years of age.

b. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in open or unsealed containers is prohibited, except in designated areas approved with special events.

c. Individuals are responsible for their actions, regardless of whether or not their mental or physical state may be affected by mind-altering chemicals such as alcohol and other drugs.

d. Student organizations may develop more stringent regulations regarding alcohol use.

e. Method of designation for those of age/underage;

f. Contained area where alcohol consumption is permitted;

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

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

i. Person to be contacted at event in case of questions or problems.

3. Location- The sale of alcoholic beverages on the University campus may be permitted only in licensed areas by licensed campus distributors.

a. The sale or service of alcoholic beverages to individuals of legal age will be permitted at other select campus locations for catered functions by the properly authorized distributors.

b. The serving, possession or consumption of alcohol by individuals of legal age may be permitted in private residence halls and other on-campus housing, unless otherwise prohibited by the governing organization.

Consumption of alcoholic beverages in public or common areas within on-campus residential units shall follow guidelines provided by their governing organization.

4. Approval Procedures for Student Groups- Prior approvals for students or student organizations to host an event where alcoholic beverages are present in any licensed campus locations must be obtained from the appropriate Vice President for Campus Life or designee.

a. The following information must be supplied by the student organization and approved by the appropriate University officials, no less than 15 calendar days prior to the event(s). The required form may then be obtained from the Office of Student Involvement.

i. Sponsoring organization and nature of event;

ii. Date, beginning and ending times and location of event;

iii. Number in attendance and method of registering guests;

iv. Method of designation for those of age/underage;

v. Contained area where alcohol consumption is permitted;

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

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

viii. Person to be contacted at event in case 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 may 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.

B. Student Organizations

1. Active registered student organizations must secure in writing permission to serve 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 may sponsor, as follows:

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.

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

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

2. Permission by active registered student organizations to use any space on each area 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 prior approval to serve alcohol on campus from the Director of Business Services. In order to comply with the 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 of 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 impairments in higher mental functions, severely altering a person’s ability to learn and use 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 tolerance and dependence; 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-
tities 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 diethylamide (LSD), mesethylated and phencyclidine 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 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, blurring 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 psychedelic 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. This 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 Crank; methamphetamines 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.

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 will be available at no charge to UCF employees (except OPS 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 and work 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 to resolve the problems or to keep them from occurring. EAP services are free 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 employee/dependents’ problems and personal resources;
- Recommend plan of action;
- Provide initial counseling, and/or referral to such individuals.

E. Applicable Legal Sanctions Under Federal, State and Local Law for the Unlawful Possession or Distribution of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol

In the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration 1989 edition of Drugs and Abuse the following statement is provided regarding applicable legal sanctions under federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs.

"The foundation of the federal fight against drugs is Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, commonly known as the Controlled Substance Act (CSA). The basic provisions of that law were strengthened by the Congress in 1984 and again with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986. The CSA provides enforcement for unlawful manufacturing, distribution, and dispensing of controlled substances. The penalties are basically determined by the schedule of the drug or other substance, and sometime are specified by drug name, as in the case of marijuana. As the statute has been amended since its initial passage in 1970, the penalties have been altered by Congress."

Florida laws (directed to discourage persons from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol) have severe penalties including a mandatory minimum incarceration sentences. Other sanctions include:

- Suspension or revocation of driver’s license;
- Suspension of vehicle registration and return of license plates, in the case of a multiple offender;
- Mandatory blood testing to determine alcohol or drugs levels;
- Mandatory assessment and counseling, and fines.

15. Student Activities and Organizations

The University supports a variety of student organizations as a belief in their co-curricular value, their role in the general education of students, and their being an asset to the University community. Opportunities for student involvement in student organizations include student government, academic/pre-professional and honorary, athletics, military, religious, special interests, 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 are expected to abide by all University policies and must observe certain regulations for rational and effective operation in the University community.

A. Student Organizations

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 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 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, 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. The University has the responsibility to exercise appropriate oversight over student organizations, the review and concurrence of the Office of Student Involvement, and the approval of the Associate Vice President for Campus Life or designee. Each student organization will have copies of the Golden Rule available for student organizations when they submit their registration and officer update reports.

D. Update Reports and Active Organizations
At the beginning of each semester, and following organization elections, all registered student organizations must file an update report with the Office of Student Involvement. The report must include a current listing of the organization’s membership, officers, the signatures of at least two current officers and the faculty/staff advisor(s), and the organization’s contact information. Organizations shall annually attend a mandatory orientation. Organizations that are not in compliance with these requirements may have their registration status changed in the system.

E. Funds and Expenditures
Registered organizations may receive and operate programmatic 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, and Central Florida Research Park employees may be non-voting members. In order to comply with the University’s commitment to non-discrimination, all students who enroll at the University will be assured equal access to educational programs and related opportunities regardless of race, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, marital or parental status, or veteran’s status.

G. Student Eligibility for Leadership Positions

1. The University has established the following minimum requirements for service in student leadership positions. Such positions may be elected or appointed and shall include without limitation, only as the University deems appropriate in its discretion, student government officials, officers of active registered student organizations, members of University department-sponsored groups, and members of University committees. These minimum requirements may be reviewed for waiver only under extraordinary circumstances as deemed appropriate by the University in its sole discretion.
2. a. A student leader must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, defined as not on academic or disciplinary probation.
3. b. A student leader must have a minimum institutional cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for all hours earned while enrolled at UCF and/or previous educational institution if student is a transfer student in their first semester at UCF.
4. c. A student leader must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, defined as not on academic or disciplinary probation.
5. d. A student leader must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, defined as not on academic or disciplinary probation.

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 1 week from the first day of being alerted of their eligibility delinquency by the Office of Student Involvement. The Eligibility Appeals Board shall review such case within two weeks. The appeal should address the causes for ineligibility and reasons for believing that the problems have been resolved. The Eligibility Appeals Board is the deciding body that hears the appeal. 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 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, Disorder for Property
   No student organization shall take, attempt to take, or keep in its possession property or services not belonging to its organization.

3. Disorderly Conduct
   No student organization shall:
   a. Act in a manner which can reasonably be expected to disturb the academic pursuits or infringe upon the privacy, rights, privileges, health, or safety of students or the University community; or
   b. Obstruct the free movement of other students around the campus or 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.
   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. Place 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.

7. Hazing
   The University does not condone hazing in any form and defines hazing to include but not limited to:
   a. Any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health and/or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, or association with, any organization operating under registration with the University.
   b. Brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements; forced consumption of food, liquor, drug, or other substances; or other forced elements; or other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental or physical health or safety of the individual.
   c. Any activity that could subject the individual to mental or physical stress such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced contact which could result in embarrassment, or any other activity that could adversely affect the mental or physical health or dignity of the individual.
   d. Forcing or requiring the violation of University policies, federal, state, or local law.
   e. Any activity, as described above, upon which the initiation or admission into or association with a University 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.

8. Outstanding Debt
   All registered student organizations are responsible for ensuring that all bills are paid to both on and off campus vendors in a timely manner. Groups shall not knowingly enter into purchase or rental agreements that are beyond the resources of the organization's ability to pay.

9. Use of Facilities
   Registered student organizations planning events in University facilities are responsible for knowing any applicable policies and are expected to be in full compliance with them. Those individuals acting on behalf of an organization that reserve facilities should check with the University department or office responsible for the facility to guarantee that all procedures have been followed.

10. Fire Safety and Sanitation
    a. Tampering with or damage to fire safety equipment is prohibited. Causing, condoning, or encouraging the creation of any situation involving incendiary or other chemicals or substances, explosives, or fire that reasonably may result in danger to another person or property is prohibited.
    b. Possession or use of illegal fireworks, incendiary devices, or dangerous explosives is prohibited.
    c. Failure to provide adequate parking so that vehicles are impeding the normal flow of traffic, parked illegally or parked on private property without proper authorization is prohibited.
    d. Conducting any event that interferes with the normal process of campus events on campus is prohibited.
    e. Failure to register any potentially hazardous event with the Office of Student Involvement and/or Office of Greek Affairs 30 days before the event is prohibited.
    f. Failure to adhere to specific time limits of other regulations required of all outdoor events involving bands or other forms of amplified music is prohibited.
    g. Outdoor events must cease by the time determined by the Office of Administration and Finance. Outdoor events taking place on property not owned by the University must end the time determined by the governing agency for that property.

11. Advertising
    a. Origination or circulation of any advertising media that contains matter that violates federal, state, and/or local laws is prohibited.
    b. Origination or circulation of any advertising media containing false or misleading information or obscene language or patently offensive material is prohibited.
    c. See 15.15 for more information.

12. Falsification of Information
    a. Causing, condoning, or encouraging the creation of any official University record, document, or form to include incorrect or misleading information is prohibited.
    b. Reporting or providing false, misleading, incomplete, or incorrect information to any official is prohibited.

13. Social Events
    a. Allowing crowd size that exceeds such limits as to as to infringe upon the rights and/or property of others and/or endanger those in attendance is prohibited. Student organizations should refer to other national parent organizations or University policies for specific information on crowd size.
    b. Failing to provide adequate parking so that vehicles are impeding the normal flow of traffic, parked illegally or parked on private property without proper authorization is prohibited.
    c. Failure to provide adequate security personnel or other security measures in order to ensure the safety of those in attendance at an organization-sponsored event is prohibited.
    d. Conducting any event that interferes with the normal process of campus events on campus is prohibited.
    e. Failure to register any potentially hazardous event with the Office of Student Involvement and/or Office of Greek Affairs 30 days before the event is prohibited.
    f. Failure to adhere to specific time limits of other regulations required of all outdoor events involving bands or other forms of amplified music is prohibited.
    g. Outdoor events must cease by the time determined by the Office of Administration and Finance. Outdoor events taking place on property not owned by the University must end the time determined by the governing agency for that property.

14. Solicitation and Fundraising
    All student organizations shall 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 Involvement, the Student Union, and/or federal, state and/or local law. See 15.16 for more information.

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, which includes, but is not limited to, the student organizations: domain name, web address, promotional materials, and uniforms/shirts.

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

I. 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 action 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:
   - Case dismissal
   - Administrative action
   - Mediation
   - Informal disposition
   - Formal disposition

The chief officer of the student organization or another student 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 student member 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.

c. Case Dismissal

The Director of OSRR or designee may dismiss a case if it is found to not have sufficient facts or evidence to substantiate the charge 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 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, such as suspension, 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 appeal within ten (10) days by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. In the event of an organizational suspension or removal, there will be a scheduling of a hearing within ten (10) days to determine the sanctions of the organizational suspension or removal. 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.

c. 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. The event that the organizations do not reach a full and final resolution, the case will be referred back to the Director of the 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 disposition may be referred to an appropriate forum for proper disposition and/or settled by one or more of the following outcomes: warning; probation; restitution; community service; or other educational sanctions.

e. Formal Disposition

If an alleged violation of the Student Organization Regulations and/or Rules of Conduct is not handled through other appropriate channels, is not dismissed, or is not settled 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, name, and address if applicable.
2. A 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. This meeting shall be scheduled for a time and place convenient for the organization.
6. A statement of the charges given to the organization at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing. The advisor shall assist in the preparation of any written statement the organization may want to present. The advisor shall not speak for the organization or challenge the impartiality of the individual involved or the standing of evidence presented.

The organization shall be given an opportunity to present witnesses and evidence at the hearing. The advisor shall not speak for the organization or challenge the impartiality of the individual involved or the standing of evidence presented at the hearing. Any written statement, evidence, and witnesses presented at the hearing shall be a part of the record of the hearing. The advisor shall assist in the preparation of any written statement the organization may want to present. The advisor shall not speak for the organization or challenge the impartiality of the individual involved or the standing of evidence presented.

d. Student Organization Hearing Panel

A student organization hearing panel to consider individual cases shall be randomly selected by the Director of OSRR or designee. The hearing panel shall consist of five (5) staff members available to serve in the capacity of advisor to the case for disciplining, in addition to the disciplinary staff members combined, and two (2) student members. Each panel shall elect from among its members an individual to conduct that hearing and to report its decisions to the Director of OSRR or designee. All hearings conducted by a student organization hearing panel, the Director of OSRR or designee shall act as an advisor to the panel.

If the Director of OSRR or designee does not accept the recommendation of the hearing panel, the Director of OSRR or designee shall enter into a hearing with the organization's representatives to consider the incident and make a decision. The Director of OSRR or designee shall have the authority to accept or reject the recommendation of the hearing panel. The Director of OSRR or designee shall have the authority to accept or reject the recommendation of the hearing panel. The Director of OSRR or designee shall have the authority to accept or reject the recommendation of the hearing panel.

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 recommendation.

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 memoraanda and/or data submitted.

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

e. The recommendation by the hearing body, 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 of the charged student organization at the address listed in the registrar's records shall constitute full and adequate notice.

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

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 representatives may hear and question witnesses upon request if that witness is available. The representative(s) may hear and question witnesses testifying at a hearing.

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.

1. Sanctions for Student Organizations

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

1. Recommendation for Charter Revocation: An official notice to a national office that the local chapter’s charter 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 any requirements that must be satisfied before re-registration must be specified in the recommendation of the hearing body.

4. Probation: Temporary restrictions of certain activities on the part of the organization as defined by the hearing body and/or an officially sanctioned status of the organization whereas 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: Suspension of all organization activities with the exception of regular business meetings.

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

12. Appeals within the Student Organization Conduct Review Process

Student organizations found in violation as a result of a hearing may appeal that finding and sanction(s) 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 and that was not known or could not reasonably been discovered and/or presented at the time of the initial hearing.

3. The sanctions are extraordinarily disproportionate to the violation(s).

The appeal must be made in writing to the Associate Vice President for Campus Life or designee shall have fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the appeal to review the case and render a decision.

Further administrative appeal may be made in writing by the student organization to the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. 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 or designee 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. The Vice President of Student Development & Enrollment Services or designee shall have fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the appeal to review the case and render a decision.

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/or those events 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. If a registered 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.

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

1. Demonstrational destructiveness such as car bashing;

2. 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 activity has been planned with the Office of Student Involvement. Events include, but are not limited to lectures, speakers, celebrities, artists, musicians, entertainers, band parties, dances, socials, and fun/runs.

3. Calendarizing

a. The Office of Student Involvement coordinates the calendarizing process for events for 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 Involvement. 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 Involvement. Submittal of the completed form begins the calendarizing process and must be obtained special support services such as Police, Physical Plant, and Insurance.

b. If the organization desires to sponsor an event does not complete a Registered Event Form 10 days prior to the date of the scheduled event, the organization may be denied use of University facilities and may not be able to conduct the event. The form must 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. Requests from 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.

f. Denial of approval for the use of University facilities may be appealed by the sponsoring organization upon written application to the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services.

5. Required Approvals

a. Active registered student organizations must secure the required approvals at least 10 calendar days in advance of a proposed event before conducting or publicly announcing the intent to conduct the event.

b. Applications for approval shall be made in writing to the University’s Office of Student Involvement. The Office of Student Involvement will assist student organizations in obtaining required approvals by contacting any of the following Student Union officials for their information and approval:

1. Director of Environmental Health and Safety

2. Director of Physical Plant

3. Risk Manager

4. Director of Student Union

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 any requirements therein for clean-up, extra security, etc.

b. All restrictions and regulations, such as amplified sound, contractual agreements for 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

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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 sponsors 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 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. Examples include, but are not limited to: fire insurance, insurance for personal injury, etc.

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 University’s Office of Student Involvement and/or the Police Department if it is determined that the event is not in strict accordance with the terms of the approved application, or if the event is disruptive or unsafe.

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 reasonably be expected to result in some degree of harm to persons or in damage or defacement to public or private property. Examples include, but are not limited to: bonfires; use of fireworks, explosives or munitions; flying kites; motor vehicle races; gatherings in excess of 150 persons; including campus athletic events, which are not registered according to University policies. Active registered student organizations may 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.

   b. All applicants or organizations requesting such an approval, the staff advisor to the student organization must concur with the request.

   c. 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.

3. Applicant’s Responsibilities
   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 sponsors 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 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. Specific Authority 120.53(1)(a), 240.227(1) FS, Law Implementing 120.53(1)(a), 240.227 (15), 235.02 PS, History—New, 85, Formerly 63.79-292, Amended 12-22-86, 7-27-92, Amended 1996.

4. Cancellations and Terminations
   a. 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.

   b. Any event may be terminated during the event by the University’s Office of Student Involvement and/or the Police Department if it is determined that the event is not in strict accordance with the terms of the approved application, or if the event is disruptive or unsafe.

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 sponsors 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 a rider shall be charged to the applying department’s account.

6. Insurance
   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 sponsors 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 a rider shall be charged to the applying department’s account.

7. Cancellations and Terminations
   a. 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.

   b. Any event may be terminated during the event by the University’s Office of Student Involvement and/or the Police Department if it is determined that the event is not in strict accordance with the terms of the approved application, or if the event is disruptive or unsafe.

   c. Written notice shall be provided outlining the reasons for termination within one week of the event to the hosting party.

C. Loud Speakers
   a. All speakers must be registered with the Director of Student Involvement. Any registered student organization sponsoring an event must apply for a permit to use exterior signs to advertise the event or event program. All signs must be registered with the Office of Student Involvement. Each sign must be free standing and may not be removed by Physical Plant personnel. No sign shall extend more than 5 feet above the ground. All signs must be free from Board of Trustees jurisdiction.

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

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

G. Free Assembly Areas
   a. 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.

   b. The brick mall area between the Chemistry Building and Apollo Circle to the north and south of the sidewalks to the east and west.

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

   d. The area behind Health and Public Affairs 2 bordering the sidewalks and road adjacent to Engineering 2.

   e. The triangle formed by the sidewalks bordering Colbourn Hall, the John C. Washington Center, and the Colbourn Hall Faculty Parking lot.

H. Advertising and Signs
   a. No exterior signs are allowed for students sponsored activities, clubs and events to promote student participation.

   b. All signs must be registered and properly "stickered." Stickers may be applied for at the Office of Student Involvement and are issued by the director or his/her designee. Stickers may only be issued for 5 day increments, with provisions for renewal.

   c. 3. A maximum of three wood signs may be posted for advertising an activity, club or event.

   d. All signs must be removed by the posting organization within 24 hours after the registered event or immediately after the fifth day if the signs are not removed. Signs not removed within the specified timeframe will be removed by Physical Plant and a $500.00 per sign charge levied. The sign will be released after the fine has been paid at the University’s office, and credited to the appropriate account.

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

   f. Signs must adhere to the following standards:

      1. The maximum size of a sign is 4 feet by 8 feet.

      2. 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.

3. All signage must be placed in a minimum of 50 feet from any motor vehicle intersection.

4. Signs can only be placed in locations designated on the UCF Signage Location Map.

5. 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 "Cashiers" office, and credited to Account # 2421000, object code #69000.

These posting rules 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 or designee. The conduct of all such activities shall be confined to that area of campus situated within the boundaries of Pegasus Circle from 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 312. All fees for the reservation of space must be paid at the time the reservation is 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 10:00 a.m., UCF may, but is not obligated to, remove the Vendor's equipment, if any, and will consider such Vendor a 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. - 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. No prorated 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 be on campus. Parking is available in Lot T-400 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 structures 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 trespass warning by UCF Police.

3. Campus Locations for Solicitation

Posted materials should not be fastened to or hung from shrubbery, trees, and light posts. Signs are not permitted in any street median.

3. General: In consideration of the University's right to maintain a safe and wholesome environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors, solicitation is limited to the following areas:

4. Exceptions 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, free of charge, space on UCF property to conduct a solicitation to benefit only the student organization. No person or entity outside of the student organization shall participate in the solicitation or receive any financial or other 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, giveaway promotions, or signing of petitions.

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

a. Student Union and inside the Pegasus Circle, Recreation and Wellness Center, Recreation and Intramural Sports areas, Student Resource Center Courtyards—from the Director of the Student Union 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.

4. Exception to Policy

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 and in parking garages/ lots.

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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 expeditious 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" e-mail 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 number are current with the university at all times.

Students can update their contact information on the web at: http://my.ucf.edu.

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