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Burnham to build Orlando campus
UCF medical school partners with research company

AARON PERRY

The Burnham Institute for Medical Research has been chosen to build a medical campus in Orlando. In an announcement Wednesday, the research institute made public its decision to use Orlando instead of Port Orange for a new Florida expansion.

Burnham is excited about the prospect of building a medical research institute in Orlando. "We are excited to synergistically with what we have already accomplished over the past 30 years," said Dr. William Bank at the announcement held nearby the Orlando Sentinel.

Students forced to drop graphics course

Dr. William Bank at (407) 823-4496.

For more information, contact
Dr. Annie Ware at (407) 823-4496.

The event will take place on the southwest corner of the Student Union.

The open house will be held on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in Room 272, Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact
the Office of Student Learning.

The class limits enrollment to 30 students for both class sections. Miscommunication probably forced the change that did not affect graphics course.

Second-year graphic design students - primarily women - were trying to determine if the change does not affect their graduation date. People already had left.

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attached to a tower used to protect the spacecraft from the heat of reentry over strong electrical field around the vehicle. The solid rocket booster system wasn't powered up at the time so engineers didn't have enough data about the lightning's effect on the booster, which provided the main thrust to lift the shuttle off the pad, said NASA spokesman Bruce Buckelew.

Atlanta's planned mission is the first of 11 flights sched- uled to finish constructing the half-built space station before the cargo-shuttles carrying supplies are retired in 2010. Construction has gone on hiatus since the 2003 Columbia disaster, which killed seven astronauts.

Journalists released in Gaza, ending hostage crisis

Gaza CITY, Gaza Strip — Militants freed two Newsweek journalists on Sunday ending a nearly two-week hostage crisis.

Correspondent Steven Centann -i, 60, of Washington, D.C., and his assistant, Marthe Hagedorn of New Zealand, were taken off at Caesarea Beach Hotel by Palestinians shortly after he arrived. A hotel guard briefly stopped the journalists, but they were forced to go for statements, which they said that they had converted to jihad.

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TOP STORY

The National Hurricane Center's forecast of a Category 3 hurricane hit landfall just a few miles south of New Orleans on Aug. 28, 2005. Just one in three Americans said they felt at least somewhat strongly the government's handling of the storm's aftermath.

"Nobody actually realized how close we were to ending what the scope of this thing was," said Frank Sheppard, a 63-year-old retiree in Baton Rouge who considers himself strongly Republican. "The day after, people were actually celebrating."

"They didn't realize that the levees were deteriorating and breaking at that time," he said.

One year after Katrina, large areas of New Orleans remain virtually uninhabitable with piles of debris and wrecked cars. Only $17 billion in at least $25 billion in federal aid has reached the city, while federal investigators determined that roughly $2 billion in taxpayer money was wasted in no-bid contracts and disaster aid to people who did not need the help.

Norma Guelker, 72, of Bay St. Louis, Miss., still lives in a FEMA trailer after Katrina flooded her home with seven feet of water. She says there is no way the government is prepared.

Blaming Bush, she said: "There's no reason for him to be concerned about the people who live here. They're not the people who vote for him."

Bush, who visited the recovering areas tomorrow and Thursday, has sought to deflect the torrent of criticism, saying that rebuilding takes time.

Democrats are hoping to capitalize for the November congressional elections, such as among Black and poor people, many of whom were unable to escape Katrina and the flooding it caused.

On August 28, Democrats on the House Homeland Security Committee planned to release a fresh report that summarizes instances where small businesses in the Gulf Coast region were harmed or no-bid contracts were awarded to politically connected firms in the weeks after the storm.

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Cafe doesn't interrupt study habits in library, students say

Students worry about safety on campus due to vacancies

Approval by the state legislature. They also requested changes in holiday pay. Campus Police officers are paid eight hours holiday pay for a two-week holiday period. Following the negotiations, UCF officials confronted with no changes in holiday pay, said they would continue to work eight hours holiday pay for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Police officers who have been on the force for two to 15 years, do not receive a living wage. According to the Florida University Police Department, the number of police officers has decreased. UCF Police Department employs 40 officers, five corporals and 13 sergeants. Vacancies include 10 officers, two corporals and one sergeant.

UCF students are also concerned with the growing problem with police vacancies. möglich. Fraser added, that some people drooping in for a latex or a snack may spend more time in the Library, rounding out their evenings with the occasional coffee and a good book.

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High Society Pipe & Cigars

If you look at other university police forces and local law enforcement agencies, the pay we're offering is competitive with these groups. UCF officials believe that the Police Department is getting overstaffed and is stating that they all work 12 hours a day. "It's not an easy job," said. "We have to have a lot of people to keep the campus safe."

According toSwift, 100% of the university professors and staff are satisfied with their job. They are planning on spending more time in the Library because of the policy.

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Speraw's team has united objective
Speraw: Wins lead to better attendance

2006 UCF FOOTBALL PREVIEW: THE DEFENSE

With 22 returning lettermen, the young Knights will have to aid seniors Chris Welsh and Ronnell Sandy

BRAHIM MURPHY

UCF coach George O'Leary has a challenge for his Golden Knights.

"As I told the team, you are only as good as your last game," he said.

And for the UCF defense, their last few games were not pretty. The 2005 season ended for the Knights in the paradise of Hawaii, with their defense being carved up like the pig at a banquet.

The Knights gave up more than 500 total yards to the Nevada Wolfpack, 509 of which came on the ground. Prior to the Hawaii Bowl, the Knights allowed 405 yards of offense to the Tulsa Golden Hurricane in the Conference USA Championship Game.

While it recorded a few inauspicious highs in the bowl game, UCF's defense was not exactly stout during the regular season. For this season, UCF finished in the bottom half of C-USA in rushing and pass defense and must cut in total defense. But of course, a new season is on the horizon and the Knights have the luxury of 22 lettermen returning for their defense.

O'Leary says that the key for his defense lies with the defensive front controlling the line of scrimmage. With last year's leader of that front, Paul Garrington, having graduated, somebody needs to step up and find what O'Leary affectionately calls the "four war daddies."

"We have 19 seniors, that's 19," O'Leary said. "I think you are only as good as your senior class. As I tell them all the time, none of them have to be great players, but they got to be the leaders on this football team."

They are responsible for the team. It is their football team.

Welsh says he is "absolutely" ready to become the leader of the defensive line. He says he wants to do everything to fulfill his coach's expectations of what he wants from his "four daddies."

"You got to be a tough guy," Welsh said. "You got to be a hard-nosed player. You can't worry about what you want from the coach."

"As I told the team, you are only as good as your last game."

-GEORGE O'LEARY

The Leader

Chris Welsh
Position: Defensive End
Height: 6-4
Weight: 240 lbs.

Key statistics:
- Started 24 of 25 games
- Total rushing with 2 sacks
- 20 tackles, 4 tackles for loss in 2005

"As I told the team, you are only as good as your last game."

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UCF flounders in losses

Women sweep one, get swept twice at the UCF Fall Invitational

VICTOR ANDERSON

Don't let the 12-record losing streak from the 2006 edition of UCF volleyball paint a picture of the team's showing at their season-opening Fall Invitational.

The Golden Knights lost their season opener for the first time in three years by sweeping Stetson on Friday night. Saturday, however, would prove to be no less as coach Meg Colado, middle blocker Lisa Mitchell and the rest of the team.

A pair of 3-game sweeps at the hands of Brigham Young University and Florida International made UCF down to their current 1-2 mark.

Despite the losses, team morale and unity seems to be up from last season at this time. Overall, the Knights are better chemistry on the court," Lucas said.

UCF vs. Stetson

The Knights kicked off the 2006 season in impressive fashion with a 3-game sweep of Stetson. Colado's squad locked down every game as they outmanned the 36-30 UCF led by a .290 hitting percentage and 9 Hitter errors while the Golden Knights hit a sparkling .333 and committed only 1 errors in 27 attempts.

The stats that indicate the manner in which the Knights manhandled Stetson is that Maita Furlong (6 kills) and Schaefer Scheinert (4 kills) by themselves had more kills than the entire Stetson team (3 kills).

Game two proved to be a little more competitive, but Neiderworder's 5 kills proved to be too much as the Knights won the game 2-1.9.

Game three was the most competitive of the match as both teams went back and forth.

-Geoffrey SANDS

UCF finishes strong

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Tough slate could doom Notre Dame

Top 30: Arkansas could surprise and win SEC

CHRIS MOYLER

Over the summer, the Future started the season 11-0 and a trip to take on Texas in the Rose Bowl sits on the menu.

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With the Irish returning six starters from last year, Speraw is more than happy with the return of players such as wide receiver Daniel Fagg and quarterback Brady Quinn. But Speraw's greatest moment was last month, when he announced that his team would play in the Rose Bowl.

Why they could move up:

Despite their usual brutal independent
Dear Golden Knights,

It is with great honor and privilege that I welcome you to the University of Central Florida. With almost 40,000 students, UCF is currently the 7th largest school in the nation. UCF has the largest undergraduate student body in the state of Florida and also has numerous nationally recognized colleges. As the students progress, we are continuing to grow and implement new programs and facilities including our highly anticipated Medical College and an on-campus football stadium. With all of this growth, it can sometimes be difficult to find your place in the college spectrum and getting involved can seem somewhat intimidating. I want you to know that you can succeed and find groups and activities that will not only be fun, but will also act as the building blocks towards the kind of leader you want to become and the success you hope to achieve one day.

Dedicated student leaders are working together on the UCF campus everyday and have produced a variety of influential and eventual organizations. Many students are involved with organizations like the Campus Activity Board, Volunteer UCF, Late Knights, Sports Clubs, Fraternity and Sorority Life, or Student Government. I encourage you to make the most of your years at UCF. Become an involved student and take advantage of the opportunities that such a large university offers you. You are tied through orientation that success and involvement are all about time management. If you set your priorities straight from the beginning, you will succeed in all that you strive to accomplish. Joining UCF’s outstanding organizations is a great start for your UCF journey. I highly recommend that you start early in your pursuit for college leadership. Not only will you make great friends and wonderful memories, but you will be better prepared for the real world. I wish you the best of luck during your time at UCF.

Sincerely,
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The Gold Pages are a free classified section for UCF students and will now be available for viewing on the SGA Web site.

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Parking Appeals:
The Student Government Association at UCF felt that students deserved a secondary appeals process for parking tickets. If students felt that the initial appeal was not fair, SGA worked with the UCF Administration and reached a compromise. Recently, the Student Government Association voted to pass a motion that parking appeals and trials be heard by SGA thru a judicial council. This appeal process helps give other UCF students the fair trial they deserve and will not get a parking ticket at UCF. The application for the secondary appeal is on the SGA Web site: www.sga.ucf.edu.

At SGA, we realize that parking is an issue on campus and we are doing our best to alleviate the stress through the new appeal process. However, we do encourage students to utilize the UCF shuttle buses, bikes, and carpooling and take the necessary measures to help prevent parking tickets.

Knight$ave

Through the Knight$ave program, UCF students will be able to take advantage of discounts and special offers with their UCF ID. Discounts offered from participating local businesses and restaurants will soon feature a Knight$ave sticker to alert students that the economy's conditions continue to pose challenges for students, and the program aims to provide incentives for students to consider purchasing Golden Knights tickets for university-related events.

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Student Advocacy

My name is Tina White. As the Student Advocacy Coordinator for Student Government, I focus as the primary advocate of students' rights and privileges on the university campus. The main objective of my position is to see that the grievances of the student body are properly addressed through the appropriate university channels. I work to safeguard constitutional rights within the framework of the University of Central Florida. If you are in conflict with university policies or believe that your rights are being violated, I am available to provide assistance and to guide you through the appropriate channels.

SGA, the Multicultural Affairs Coordinator, coordinates with a variety of university entities, including the university body, student organizations, the Office of Student Conduct, Student Legal Services, UCF Police, faculty and staff, and university administration. In addition to working with a variety of university departments, I list on student committees to ensure that all students are given a voice and that the student perspective is being heard. Currently, I am collaborating with the UCF Police to foster understanding and promote a campus-wide effort against violent crime, advocating for the expansion of free speech areas on campus, and various grievances expressed by students and on-campus organizations. If you wish to contact me, feel free to email me at SGAsac@ucla.edu.

Multicultural Issues

My name is Jai踩a Patel, the Multicultural Affairs Coordinator for Student Government (SGA) at UCF. This year is going to be filled with exciting, multicultural events. From the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration — "the challenge of change" to the Multicultural Student Center's large-scale program, ranging from 6-week workshops, SGA is making a commitment to fostering a campus culture that celebrates the differences among us. We are fortunate to have such a diverse university at our fingertips.

UCF is to visit this exciting student center this semester. Our Multicultural Student Center is a space where students can feel safe and be themselves. In addition to working with various offices around UCF to foster understanding, SGA is running a campaign to foster a positive environment for all students, including student organizations.

If you are interested in helping with these or have ideas for other multicultural programs or diversity initiatives, feel free to contact me at jpatel@mail.ucf.edu or (407) 823-3981. Good luck with your upcoming year and I hope to keep you involved with SGA!
Camaraderie defines team

The opening of the CUSA schedule was indicative of how the entire season would play out. After losing at home to McNeese State and then wheeled off the final three in a row, the Knights were able to keep it close to tying the game, Erica Lott was sung "Kobe Bryant style" in reference to her play. "We're going to have a team that is very close and has great camaraderie," Speraw said. "It will be remarkable of our season a couple of years ago with Robinson (Momarin), Deno (Doerner) and those guys.

UCF is quick to say, hand a double double 17 assists, 16 digs, 16 kills of her own. Schanell Niederworder is quick to say, handing two teams with 20-plus losses in conference to teams that could have propelled them into a successful second half, which begins with their first games in CUSA against Marshall and Houston.

Neiderworder makes all-tourney team

Kirk Speraw walks off the court after his 15th win this season and we look forward to seeing his 16th win.
Neal impressive to end 2003

little injuries and that is hum­
ing to hear that the coach thinks
that of us.

With him was one of four play­

ers to start all 13 games on
defense last season. His two

sacks last year are the most of
twenty returning defensive

linemen. Joining him on the
line are a couple of returners in
defensive tackle Leroy Dautua"u"e and
defensive end Randy Mustain,

who has moved over from
de­
sack. Justice (Trash)
Shukla"u"e and senior Bryan Go"o"u", both of whom

were starters in 2002, are competing
for the other tackle spot.

"The defensive line is one posi­tion that I am going to con­tinue to work at," O'Leary
said. "Because we need to get

pressure on the quarterback and

you can't be hitting every­

one down to do it. If you hit

by the end, you are going to

hit by the eventuality.

As Richardson, the Knights have a
good blend of leader­
ship and youth. Fifth-year sen­
or Russell Snow­

is expected to be the unit's leader,

and coaches and players say he has

already taken on that role with the

other linebackers in the

summer and in the off­
season.

"Russinai"u"e is an extremely
good athlete," said Seidman,

who played against Snow­

in high school. "He is a
good, tough, hard­nosed player.

If I am truly going to be able to come back and have

myself a successful season, I need to be able to play in those

big games.

Richardson is fourth on the

Raiders in sacks last year

and is one of the rumor's

best defenders against the run.

He carries the most experi­
der, but other than that

scious position and

leadership skills.

"(Dozier) has had a nice

progression camp. taken a lead­
er role in the leadership posi­tion and done some really good things," defensive

coordinator Lance Thompson

said. "(Randy) has been a pleas­

ant surprise." The

Knight's defensive

backfield is in need, accord­
ing to Thompson, the
defensive two best playmakers

sophomore cornerbacks Joe

Mustain and J pleased.

In 2002, Burnett had a sea­

don that no other player in

school history has ever had.

Because the first UCF

quarterback ever to he named a first

team Preseason All-American

by media outlet. (It was

selected to the team by three

outlets, no less). He was sec­

oned in CUSA in inter­

ventions (fourth), and with his pun return skills, he is able to heat

down at two different positions.

The Sporting News has

Burnett ranked as one of the

nation's best at defensive back

(number one punter returner (13).

"That's a lot of pressure on

us," Burnett said, "but I am

going to be humble and stay

humble with it, but that is a lot

of pressure. I am very confid­
ad, but...I don't like to brag

and I am going to play hard and play my best.

"You have to kids who

really work from a standpoint

of being a competitor, a pos­
tion for the game, a sense of

urgency in stuff he does," O'Leary said of

burnett.

"He can do a lot of things for us, but, he works at it. He is on the field early, catching

passes. That's why he's like he is.

But if you ask O'Leary who was his best comebacker at the end of last year, the

answer would not be Burnett.

"You watch the last two

games of the year," O'Leary

said. "He played as well as any­

body on the teams.

"I thought he was the most

active and the most aggressive (Burnett) made some big

plays, but I think that guy when you watch the film...he hits hard.

Safeties Jason Venmon and

Darnell Round round out this

secondary that Burnett says

pride itself on being very

physical.

"A lot of guys in this sec­

ondary, they come in, they

step up and they hit you and that's what I like about them."

When asked if this second­

ary enjoys the times where

they have a chance to drive

their head through a receiver,

Burnett laughs and says,

"Yeah, I love that. There is a lot of a good action there.
 Teens need Plan B more than adults

The medical" city that many have dreamed of is UCF is quickly becoming a reality thanks to the Burnham Institute for Medical Research.

The California-based institute announced Wednesday that it has reached an agreement with the University of Central Florida to open a facility next to UCF's College of Medicine at Lake Nona.

The partnership will allow the Burnham Institute to utilize UCF's resources and expertise to advance its research in areas like immunology, genetics and biochemistry.

“UCF and Burnham have a lot in common," said UCF President John Hitt. "We’re both committed to excellence in research and education, and we’re excited about the prospect of creating new opportunities for students, faculty and the broader community."...

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UCF students should show support for their home team

Having been a UCF student for three years in a row, I've been following the recent UCF news regarding its athletic teams. Today I'm writing to express my appreciation for the efforts being made by UCF's athletes and coaches.

First, I'd like to commend the University of Central Florida for its commitment to providing an outstanding athletic program. The team's success in recent years is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players, coaches, and staff. UCF Athletics has earned a reputation for excellence, both on and off the field.

Second, I believe that the athletes and coaches should be recognized for their contributions. Their hard work and dedication have made UCF Athletics one of the top programs in the country. The team's success in recent years is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the players, coaches, and staff.

Finally, I encourage all UCF students to show support for their home team. Whether you're attending games in person or watching them online, your support can make a difference. Together, we can create a fun and exciting atmosphere for the players, coaches, and staff.

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P "He is the controversial "morning-after pill," was finally approved for use in the country last Thursday. This move is expected to be a win for those who have been advocating for increased access to emergency contraception, as it will provide a more accessible and effective option for those in need.

Of course, as with any medical treatment, there are concerns and limitations. While Plan B is a powerful tool, it is not a cure-all. It is important to remember that each person's experience with emergency contraception is unique, and what works for one may not work as well for another. However, in many cases, Plan B is the best available option.

As a student at UCF, I've been impressed with the university's commitment to providing comprehensive health care services. The availability of emergency contraception on campus is a testament to this commitment.

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I will use my talents to enrich the human experience.

**Excellence**
I will strive toward the highest standards of performance in any endeavor I undertake.
To All University of Central Florida Students,

Welcome to the University of Central Florida. I am 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 publication 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, I hope you will contact the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for clarification.

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 or 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.

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. It is the policy of the University of Central Florida to treat all people with dignity and respect, without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political opinions and affiliations.

Patricia MacKown
Director, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities and
Assistant Vice President for Campus Life

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1. The Golden Rule Review Committee

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

A. Membership

1. Membership to the committee shall consist of 7 students, 4 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 also 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 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 should 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. 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 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 during the fall and spring semesters.
   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.

G. Attendance Policy

At the first meeting of each semester, the committee shall establish its own attendance policy.

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 disrupt or disturb 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. Restraints on free inquiry are limited to a minimum and inconsistent with preserving an organized society in which peace, democratic means for change are available. Guest lecturers or off campus speakers sponsored by student groups may appear on the UCF campus following arrangements with the designated University authority for such appearances.

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

a. Written materials identified by authorship and sponsorship may be sold or distributed on campus within the guidelines of propriety and responsible journalism as established and supervised by the University's Board of Publications which is appointed by the President of the University. The disposition 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 Office of Student Involvement.

c. The distribution of materials or circulation of petitions to captive audiences such as those in classrooms, at registration study hours, or in 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 may neither disrupt nor interfere with the orderly educational operation of the institution, nor violate state or local laws, or University rules.

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

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

b. Refunds and charges. The status of a student charged with violation of the Golden Rule shall be permitted to appeal the disciplinary regulations over which the student has no control and which are reflected in the Golden Rule for which the student shall be permitted to appeal the decision regarding the proposed penalty.

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

8. Confidentiality of student records. Each University office and agency which generates, collects, and disseminates information on students must follow the guidelines for confidentiality of those records in their possession. For further information see, “Student Record Guidelines.”

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

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

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

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

d. A victim or a survivor may make a “victim or survivor impact statement” and see that the appropriate support services are provided (to include appropriate compensations) if the charged student is found to have been in violation of the Rules of Conduct.

e. A victim or survivor may know the outcome of the student conduct review process, after making a commitment to protect the confidentiality for all persons involved as outlined in University's Golden Rule and Privacy Act Regulations.

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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 are a part of the University's mission and its contribution to the well being of society.

C. University Crisis Committee

The Crisis Committee is composed of the following persons and/or their designee(s): Health Services Director, Counseling Center Director, Associate Director of Safety and Security for University Police, Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Office of Student Conduct Representative, Associate Dean for Academic Services and the Director of Housing and Residence Life.

The University may refer students who are viewed to be engaging in behavior that poses risk to themselves or others to the Crisis Committee for possible action. Such behaviors include, but are not limited to, suicidal behavior, self-injury, threats to harm others, disruptive behavior, disordered eating, and endangerment to the community.

Various campus units may enlist the services of the Committee. These include Housing and Residence Life, Health Services, Disability Services, Counseling, Recreation and Wellness Services, Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, Athletics, Alcohol and Other Drug Programming Office, University Police and the Office of Student Conduct. In the event that a student's behavior raises concern about risk of danger to self or others, the involved unit will contact the Director of OSRR. The Director of OSRR will then contact Crisis Committee members to convene a meeting in order to review the case and decide on the best course of action.

The role of the Health Services Director and the Counseling Center Director on the Crisis Committee will be consultative in nature. When possible, the Health Services Director and the Counseling Center Director will not confer on a case for which they are (or have been) serving in a direct provider relationship with the involved student. When the involved student has been a client at the UCF Counseling Center, the Counseling Center Director will maintain the confidentiality of the student's clinical information and will make recommendations for action based solely upon the information provided in the Crisis Committee meeting.

D. Mandated Assessment Policy

In an effort to minimize risk of students with potentially unstable mental health conditions and to help protect the welfare of the UCF campus community, the University of Central Florida has a procedure for reviewing incidents which have resulted in a student's involuntary examination of imminent danger to self or others via the Baker Act (Statute 394.463, Florida Mental Health Act) or Marchman Act (Chapter 397, Florida Statutes). Whenever Police (UCF, Orange County, etc.) provide transportation of a UCF student to the hospital for involuntary examination, the Police will file a report with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR). Once the report is received, the Director of OSRR may notify and consult with a designated representative of the UCF Counseling Center or Student Health Services and/or the UCF crisis committee to review the severity of the student's behavior related to the involuntary examination for potential of continued risk to the campus community. A determination will be made whether a mandated interview and counseling education is adequate or whether some other more stringent, protective action is appropriate to protect both the welfare of the student and the community. In either case, the Director of OSRR will contact the student in a timely manner (upon release from the hospital and return to UCF) and require an initial meeting between an OSRR representative and the student to inform the student of their rights and responsibilities regarding the incident involving imminent risk to self or others.

In cases where a mandated assessment and counseling education are deemed adequate, the Director of OSRR will require such students to complete an interview with a licensed mental health professional and participate in a counseling education program. The required interview must occur within two weeks following release from the hospital. Examples of a licensed mental health professional include a UCF Health Service psychiatrists, a UCF Counseling Center counselor, a non-university based counselor or psychiatrist of the student's choice. The mandatory counseling education program, which is facilitated by the UCF Counseling Center, must occur within 8 weeks following hospital release. The Director of OSRR will require proof of participation for the required interview with the licensed mental health professional and the counseling education program(s). Failure to comply may result in the initiation of the UCF Involuntary Withdrawal Procedure.

In cases where more protective action is needed based on more severe behavior/conduct (e.g., behaviors/actions towards killing self, behavior endangering others, threats to harm others, behavior disruptive to community), the Director of OSRR may initiate a 1) summary suspension followed by the student conduct review process, 2) involuntary withdrawal procedure, or 3) required interview with a mental health professional and counseling education.

E. Involuntary Withdrawal Policy

Introduction:

A student who poses a serious danger of imminent or serious physical harm to himself/herself or others on property at the University will be involuntarily withdrawn from the University by the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) upon appropriate notification and consultation from the University Crisis Committee.

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 determines, on a balance of preponderance of evidence, 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) calendar days to determine the student's status. 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. 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 Vice President for Student Development and/or the Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities whether to withdraw 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.

5. A student subject to involuntary withdrawal is entitled to the following:
   a. Notice of intent to remove the student pursuant to this policy stating the reasons for the action.
   b. The opportunity to examine the psychiatric or other evaluations provided to the committee and to discuss them.
   c. The opportunity to present relevant information for consideration of his/her case, personally, or by a health professional working with that student, if the student is not capable of self-presentation.
   d. The opportunity to have an advisor of the student's own choice accompanies the student.
   e. The right to appeal.

6. In the event a student disagrees with the decision of the Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities, the student may appeal the finding.

The appeal must be made in writing to the Vice President for Student Development or his/her 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) calendar days, sustain the initial decision or remand the case to the 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 by the student to the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services. Such appeal must be made within three (3) calendar days after the date that the student was notified of the Vice President's decision. The Vice President's decision will be final unless reconsidered by the Associate Vice President for Campus Life. The Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services shall have fourteen (14) calendar days after receiving the appeal to review the case and render a decision.

8. Upon being withdrawn, the student may no longer attend classes, may not be an active member of a registered Student Organization, 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 the student record to prevent them from being readmitted or reenrolled in the institution except as stated in this paragraph. A student may request readmission or reenrollment at the University and provide the Director of the Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities with documentation from an appropriate healthcare provider of their choice who has conducted a proper assessment of the student and concluded that the student does not pose a serious threat of harm to himself/herself or others. In cases where the Director has imposed other conditions
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evident or a violation of the

Golden Rule has allegedly

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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.

F. Rules of Conduct

These conduct rules shall

apply to all undergraduate stu-

dents, graduate students, and

student organizations of the

University and its regional cam-

puses 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

rules and regulations may subject viola-
tor(s) to appropriate civil

authorities. Violations of Uni-

versity regulations shall be

recorded in the disciplinary file

of the individual(s) and/or the

organization.

Generally, authority neces-

sary 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 coun-

cils.

Students and student organi-

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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

take place. These rules apply to

all student conduct or conduct

that occurs against other students

or non-students on University

premises, while participating in

University sponsored or related

activities, during school ses-

sions, during holidays, and

during periods of continuous

enrollment, or off-campus.

Such conduct is determined

to adversely affect the interest(s)

of any part of the University. A student is

continuously enrolled, once admitted,

unless the student fails to regis-
ter in two consecutive terms and

must re-apply for University

admission.

I. Academic

Dishonesty/ Cheating

a. Cheating is a violation of

student academic behavior

standards. The following forms

of cheating include:

i. Unauthorized assistance:

communication to another

through written, visual,

electronic, or oral means.

The presentation of material

which has not been studied or

read, but rather was obtained

solely through someone else's

efforts and used as part of an

examination, course assign-

ment or project. The unau-

thorized possession or use of

examination or course related

material may also constitute chea-

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ii. Commercial Use of Aca-

demic Material: Selling

notes, handouts, etc. with-

out 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, thus

attempting to convey the impres-

sion that such work is the stu-

dent's own.

iv. Any student who know-

ingly helps another violate

academic behavior stan-

dards is also in violation of

the standards.

2. Possessing and/or

Providing False and

Misleading Information

and/or Falsification of

University Records

a. Withholding related infor-

mation or furnishing false or

misleading information (oral

or written) to University

officials, university and non-

university law enforcement

officers, faculty or staff, includ-

ing possession, use or attempt-

ed use of a fraudulent identifi-

cation card or driver's license.

b. Forgery, alteration or mis-

use of any University docu-

ment, material, file, record

or instrument of identification.

c. Deliberately and purpose-

fully providing false or mis-

leading verbal or written

information about another

person.

3. Disruptive Conduct

a. An act that impairs, inter-

feres with, or obstructs the

orderly conduct, processes,

and functions of the Univer-

sity or any part thereof.

b. Any act which deliberately

intimidates or interferes with

the normal flow of pedestrian

and vehicular traffic.

c. An act which tampers with

the election(s) of any Univer-

sity student organization or

group including violations of

the SGA Election Statutes.

d. Misuse of any University

safety equipment, fire fight-

ing equipment, or fire alarms.

e. An act which deliberately

interferes with the academic

freedom or the free expres-

sion of speech of any mem-

ber or guest of the University

community.

f. A false report of an explo-

sive or incendiary device,

which constitutes a threat or

suspicious activity.

g. Conduct which is lewd or

indecent.

h. Breach of peace: an act,

which aids, abets, or pro-

cures 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 (i.e. faculty, staff,

administration, residence hall

staff) 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 per-

sons when requested to do so.

j. Failure to produce identifi-

cation upon request by a Uni-

versity official (i.e. faculty,

staff, administration, reside-

nec hall staff) acting within

the scope of their job duties

or law enforcement officers

acting in the performance of

their duties.

4. Personal Abuse

a. Oral or written abuse of

any person including lewd,

indecent, or obscene expres-

sions 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 dis-

tress, intimidation, or coer-

cion to a reasonable person in

the victim's position or would

place a reasonable person

in a position of fear.

d. Failure to respect the priva-

cy of others.

e. Harassment or harassment

of complaining(s) or other

person(s) alleging

misconduct.

f. This personal abuse policy
does not apply in those

instances where it is found

that another party reason-

ably found offensive.

g. Failure to produce identifi-

cation when requested to do

so.

h. Consent to sexual

intercourse, which

includes oral, vaginal, or

anal contact.

i. Any sexual act

without the

consent of

the victim

involving no

force,

duress, or

coercion.

j. Stalking: defined as

continued&dquo; pursuit of a

person which

includes

telephone calls,书面

correspondence, or physical

contact and

which constitutes a threat to

intimidate, harass, or

interfere

with

the

personal safety

and rights

of

the

victim.

k. Sexual Assault: any

sexual penetration

which is

forced, coerced, or

committed without

the

voluntary consent of

the

victim.

l. Sexual Battery: any

contact

against

the

victim's

intimate body

without consent.

m. Sexual Exploitation

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persons

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18 years of age

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n. Sexual Harassment:

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of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, or affiliation with, any organization operating under registration with the University. Hazing may result in felony charges.

b. Brutality of a physical nature such as whipping, beating, branding, forcing calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquid, 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 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, storage or use of firearms, explosives, ammunition, or other weapons or dangerous articles or substances including but not limited to leaded firearms, switchblades, knives, and non-lethal weapons such as airsoft guns on University premises or at University sponsored/related activities. The use of any item as a weapon is prohibited.

b. Possession or use of fireworks, or materials which are disruptive, explosive, or corrosive on University premises or at University sponsored/related activities.

13. Instigation or Participation in Group Disturbances during Demonstrations, Parades, or Picketings
a. Participation in a demonstration(s), parade(s), or picketing which violates the rights of others, which interferes with the educational function of the University, or which jeopardizes public order and safety.

b. Leading or inciting others to disrupt scheduled and/or normal activities within any campus building or area.

14. Misuse of Computing and Telecommunications Resources
The preservation of an open computing and telecommunications environment requires adherence by users to applicable law and University's rules regarding the responsible use of computing systems, software and telecommunication networks.

Suspicious criminal violations of applicable laws shall be referred 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 Project (CHIP). The examples provided in the guidelines are not all inclusive and the guidelines are not limited to the examples that are listed. The rapidly changing environment of network computing will likely generate new applications that, though not listed in this document, are still applicable to the listed policies.

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

i. Certain types of information, such as obscene materials, are not entitled to First Amendment protection.

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

i. All e-mail messages must correctly identify the sender.

ii. Users shall not modify the original attribution of e-mail messages.

iii. Users shall not use the University's computer resources or telecommunication networks to send e-mail 'spam'.

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

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

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

ii. 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 who wish to set up a server must first register the computer as a server with the UCF 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: HTTP or Web servers, FTP servers, Telnet servers, DCC or Chat servers, NNTP or News servers, SMB or Windows File Share servers (Network Neighborhood), Apple share servers or NFS servers.

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 applies to similar applications such as Napster, Gnutella, 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 computing or telecommunication 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 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 computer 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 or bet anything of value on University premises or at any event sponsored by a student or student organization.

b. Unlawfully sell, barter or dispose of a ticket, order, or anything in a scheme of chance by whatever name on University premises or at any event 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
Repeated or flagrant violations of regulations governing University student residences.

17. University Wordmark Violations
Unauthorized use of the official University wordmark, Pegaukus, monogram, seal, or other graphic identity symbol.

18. Violation of Local, State, and/or Federal Law
Violation of any local, state, and/or federal law that may result in a felony or misdemeanor.

3. Student Conduct Review Process
A. Violation Reports
Alleged violations of the UCF Rules of Conduct shall be reported in writing to the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) or designee. The written complaint of violation of the UCF Rules of Conduct shall be made no later than six months following discovery of the alleged violation. The Director of OSRR or designee may dis Ingenquiries into the circumstances of the case to determine one of the following dispositions:

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

B. Case Dismissal
The Director of OSRR or designee may dismiss a case if it is found to be one of the following:

- No violation
- Violation not found
- Violation not applicable

C. Administrative Action
In unusual cases, which dictate a decision for the welfare of any individual, the student body, or any part of the University and its community, the Director of OSRR or designee may take immediate and summary action to resolve the situation. This summary action may include any of the disciplinary sanctions (warning, probation, suspension, or expulsion) or any lesser sanctions that the Designator of OSRR or designee determines necessary to protect the interests of any or all concerned. Such action is limited to violations within three (3) working days by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. The Designator of OSRR or designee shall 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 Dispute Resolution Services Office for mediation as an alternative to disciplinary action. Mediation is a confidential process whereby two or more parties voluntarily meet with an impartial mediator to communicate their concerns and needs to each other and to reach their own agreement on the resolution of the case. The participants in mediation are responsible for keeping their agreement or renegotiating it, if necessary. In the event that the participants do not reach a full and final resolution, the case will be referred back to the Director of OSRR or designee for disciplinary action.

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 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 rights, confirmation of the forum in which the case will be heard, and an opportunity to inspect and/or copy the evidence known at the time charges are prepared that likely could be presented at a hearing, and notice on how to contact the SGA Judicial Advisor.

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. In cases of Personal Abuse or Sexual Misconduct, written notification shall be required to have a panel hearing.

6. Student Conduct Board

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

7. Student Hearing Panel

A student hearing panel to consider individual cases shall be 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) student members. Each panel shall elect from among its number an individual to conduct that hearing and to report its recommendations to the Director of OSRR or designee. At hearings conducted by a student hearing panel, the Director of OSRR or designee shall act as an advisor to the panel, receive the panel's recommendations as to "in violation" or "not in violation" of the Rules of Conduct, and consider any sanctions recommended by the panel.

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

8. Administrative Hearings

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

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. Presentation of witnesses by the hearing body.
6. Presentation of witnesses by the charged student.
8. 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 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 charged student prior to the commencement of any formal disciplinary hearing:

1. All parties shall be afforded reasonable written notice, at least five (5) calendar days prior to the hearing. A letter sent to the charged student at the address listed in the registrar's records shall constitute full and adequate notice. Written notice shall include:
   a. A statement of the time, place, and nature of the proceeding.
   b. A statement of the nature of the case and of the forum under which it is to be heard.
   c. A brief statement of the behavior of the accused student that serves as the basis for the violation(s) being charged.

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 will 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. Preponderance of evidence is the standard of guilt in Student Conduct Hearings. The term "preponderance of evidence" means that evidence, considered as a whole, shows that the fact sought to be proved is more probable than not.

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. Should the recommendation of the hearing body be in violation, prior conduct history will then be reviewed.

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

10. 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.

II. OSC may confirm verbal conversations with students via e-mail with the exception of confidential information which is not communicated electronically for security purposes.

5. Special Student Hearing Panels

Certain other Special Student Hearing Panels function to hear specified charges of misconduct as defined below. The Director of the 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 will supercede any actions, recommendations, and decisions produced by the aforementioned boards. These Greek hearing panels do not fall under the supervision of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

C. Student Government Judicial Council

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

D. Disciplinary Sanctions

The sanctions which may be imposed on students for violation 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.

1. Disciplinary Warning

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

2. Disciplinary Probation

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

3. 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 in advance under conditions approved by the Director of OSRR. Further, an overlay will be placed on a student’s record during the period of suspension. In determining if and to what extent suspended students shall be authorized to be on University premises, the Director of OSRR or designee shall consider whether the suspension creates an undue hardship on the suspended student in regard to considerations that include, but are not limited to, the medical needs of the student.

4. Disciplinary Expulsion

When an offense is of such severity that the University will not allow the student to re-enroll, the student shall 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. Further, an overlay will be permanently placed on a student’s record.

E. Disciplinary Sanction Review

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 request shall allow the student the opportunity to discuss what he/she has done to proactively address their 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 shall 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.

2. Disciplinary Suspension

After a student has completed half of their disciplinary suspension they have the opportunity to request a review of their suspension status. This request can only be submitted once a semester. Such a review shall allow the student the opportunity to discuss what he/she has done to proactively address their 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 suspension 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 suspension should end early. Such a written statement shall include but is not limited to:

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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 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 that 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).

The appellate officer will review the written appeal, video recording (if applicable) and documentation from the original hearing, and determine if there is a basis for an appeal. On the appeal form, the student must state the reason(s) for appeal, the supporting facts, and the recommended solution. This is not a re-hearing of the conduct case. An appeal cannot be filed simply because a student is dissatisfied with the decision. Failure to describe the nature of the evidence in full detail in the appeal letter will result in the denial of an appeal. The student shall receive a written decision to the appeal. There is no definitive timeline for receiving an appeal response. It depends on the complexity of the case and the information mentioned in the appeal, as well as the appeal officer’s appeal load at that particular time.

B. First Level of Appeal

At the first level of appeal, the appeal must be made in writing to the appellate officer (Associate Vice President for Student Affairs) within seven (7) calendar days after the date of notification to the student of the disciplinary decision. The appellate officer shall first determine if sufficient grounds for appeal exist and, 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 review of the specific information in question.

C. Second Level of Appeal
At the second level of appeal, the appeal must be made in writing to the appellate officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) within seven (7) calendar days after the date the student was notified of the Associate Vice President for Campus Life's decision. The appellate officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) will again 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 do one of the following:

If the student alleges that the sanction was inappropriate and the Appellate Officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) finds the sanction to be inappropriate, the Appellate Officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) may reduce the sanction.

If the student alleges that there was a defect in procedure or new evidence is presented and the Appellate Officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) finds the procedure to be inappropriate, the Appellate Officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) will order a new hearing.

Decisions of the second level appellate officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) reflect final agency action.

Note: OSC cannot place an indicator, and/or overlay, on the student's record until after all appeals are completed. At such time, if appropriate, an indicator, and/or overlay, is placed on the student's record.

D. Sealing of a Student Conduct Record
A student's conduct record is eligible to be sealed if it is a single minor incident 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.

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 regional campus may be subject to review by the Director of 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.

8. Student Conduct Review Process for the Regional Campuses

A. Violation Reports
Alleged violations of the Rules of Conduct shall be reported in writing to the Director of Campus Life at each regional 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 OSRR or designee who may dismiss a case if it is found to have insufficient facts or evidence to substantiate the claim of misconduct, the accused person is not a student or the misconduct is not a violation of the rules of conduct.

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 regional campus may be subject to review by the Director of 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. The participants are responsible for keeping an 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
If the decision 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; disciplinary probation; restitutions; community service; counseling or other educational sanctions. This informal disposition shall take place on the regional 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 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 Regional Campuses shall be the same as those for the 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 incident that did not 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 composed 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 whom 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. 228.093 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 responsible for more than one 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, riding in 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 public intoxication.
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 prescribed by law.

These guidelines do not preclude the University's contact-
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, grades, and college enrollment status. 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. Commercial use of Academic Material: Selling notes, handouts, 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.

e. 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 and 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 allegation 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 that the alleged misconduct took place and the action the instructor can recommend, considering the student's previous academic record and the severity of the violation.

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b. When in response to an alleged violation of academic standards a student is found to have multiple infractions, the OSRR or designee 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 if a written release from the instructor of the authorized person deciding to withdraw the student appeal will permit withdrawal. However, if the student appeals the academic action and desires to withdraw from the course, the process shall be initiated by the student immediately in the normal University manner. Such withdrawal requests will be held in abeyance until a ruling on an appeal is obtained. If refused in favor of the student, the withdrawal request will be processed at the time. The individual empowered to rule on the student appeal shall appropriately certify both the registrar and the Director of the OSRR or designee of the outcome.

3. Coordination of Academic and Disciplinary Action

a. A student's appeal is handled by the OSRR, the Academic Review Board, the academic college, and the Student Government Association. The decision of the unit head or supervisor must be in writing.

2. General Policy – The following assumptions are adopted:

a. Faculty members and administrators are entitled to a fair, prompt, and open resolution of complaints.

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

c. Faculty members and administrators have access to published materials and University staff to help them become familiar with and understand procedures for handling complaints.

d. Resolution of student appeals should be made as expeditiously as possible.

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

f. Appropriate forum for discussion of any alteration of academic matters is the academic unit responsible for these matters.

3. Resolution of Student Appeals at Informal Level

a. All student academic appeals or wrongful academic actions by an instructor or official of the student's 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 academic standards, the instructor, along with the unit head, shall take appropriate measures ranging from counseling to final grades resulting from the 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.

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.

D. Student Academic Appeals

1. Scope

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

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

1. Alleged deviation from established and announced grading policy;

2. Alleged errors in application of grading procedures;

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

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

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

6. Appeals of graduate programs actions or decisions by a college member, program, or college, including termination from an academic program, are discussed in the following section.

g. The professional judgment exercised by an instructor in assigning a specific grade or in constructing a class is excluded from the provisions of this rule except as noted above.

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f. Appropriate forum for discussion of any alteration of academic matters is the academic unit responsible for these matters.

3. Resolution of Student Appeals

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

c. Faculty members and administrators have access to published materials and University staff to help them become familiar with and understand procedures for handling complaints.

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4. Resolution of Student Academic Appeals at the College Level

a. If not satisfied with the resolution of the complaint processed by the unit head or supervisor, the student may proceed within 10 days of receipt of the unit head's or supervisor's decision to submit 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 decision within 5 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 legitimacy of the awarded grade. In doing that, they are to suggest a resolution to the action. Before filing the complaint, the student should consult with Student Government.
days to submit, if desired, any information. The student will be provided with a copy of any information submitted by the instructor at least 5 school days before the committee meets to review the case.

iv. The student and faculty member shall be invited to participate in the appeal, and any information provided by the faculty member shall be submitted to the committee.

v. The committee will hear the appeal and any additional information provided by the student and committee members, and make a decision based on the evidence presented.

vi. After all parties have been given the opportunity to present their case, the committee will reconvene and consider the evidence presented.

vii. The committee will then make a recommendation to the college graduate coordinator and the college dean.

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

a. The graduate student requesting consideration of a grievance must first present the grievance to the appropriate 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 facts of the matter, and a statement of what remedy is requested.

b. The graduate program coordinator will consider the appeal and make a decision on the matter. If the decision is not satisfactory, the graduate student may then appeal the decision to the graduate study advisor.

c. The graduate study advisor will make a decision on the matter, and the graduate student may then appeal the decision to the graduate school dean.

d. The graduate school dean will make a decision on the matter, and the graduate student may then appeal the decision to the university president.

The Graduate College shall establish a Student Academic Appeals Committee whenever required.

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

iii. Student members shall be selected by the dean of the college or designee from a random pool of eligible students. The pool of eligible students shall be based on the number of tenured faculty members and an equal number of students.

iv. Any member shall be challenged for cause by either party. The validity of such challenges shall be decided by the Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Services. If a challenge is upheld, the college dean shall appoint a replacement from the open pool of eligible students.

v. 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 procedure may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

ii. The student and the instructor of the relevant course shall be notified of the committee's decision and any recommendations in writing.

iii. The committee shall be authorized to review the appeal and invite others to provide information.

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12. Student Grievance Procedure

A. General

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

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

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

B. Exclusions

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

1. Disciplinary actions taken under UCF conduct rules;

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

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

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

5. Traffic and Parking Violations;

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

C. Definitions

1. "Day" means a calendar day.

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

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

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

5. "Party" means either the grievant or the respondent.

6. " Counsel" means an attorney or lay advisor.

7. "Resolution" means an action by or on 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;
   c. Students currently enrolled and in good standing; The Student Grievance Panel from which individual boards will be selected shall consist of:
      i. 5 faculty representatives;
      ii. 5 administrative staff, representing the various administrative divisions of the University;
      iii. 10 students whose names are to be submitted to the President of the University by the President of the Student Government Association.
   d. Panel members shall serve annual terms beginning and ending in August of each academic year. When a vacancy occurs, the President shall make new appointments to fill unexpired terms. Whenever the exercise of the challenge reduces the number of panel members eligible to serve in a particular grievance, the President may appoint additional members on an ad hoc basis.

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

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

11. "Challenge for cause" shall mean a challenge based on alleged bias, prejudice, interest or other causes which indicate 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) 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 causing the grievance occurred; or not later than 25 days from the date the student acquired knowledge, 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 this format (see fig. 1). 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 fig. 1

Student Grievance Format

Name: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________
PID#: ____________________________
Address where student may be reached:
Street: ____________________________
City: ____________________________
State: __________ Zip: __________
Telephone: ____________________________
University or BOT rule or regulation violated if any:
Statement of Grievance including date(s) or acts of omission for which redress is sought:
Name and Position of Respondent: ____________________________
Remedy Sought:
I will be represented in the grievance by (check one)
( ) Myself ( ) Legal Counsel ( ) Other (specify) ____________________________
I select the option of checked below as the manner in which this grievance shall be disposed (check one only):
A. ( ) The respondent's vice president may decide my case on its merits.
B. ( ) The respondent's vice president shall appoint an investigator and decide what disposition should be made of my case after receiving the investigator's report.
C. ( ) My case shall be reviewed by a grievance board, appointed and 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: ____________________________
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 outlined herein; simultaneously the clerk will notify the respondent and deliver the written grievance to the vice president in whose area the respondent is employed. The clerk will inform the student that proceedings under this rule are not appropriate if such is the case. Regardless of the disposition, such notice will be mailed to the student within 3 days after the clerk's receipt of the written grievance.

4. Within 15 days of receipt of notification of the grievance, the respondent (or in case of absence of the respondent, the respondent's supervisor) shall prepare a written response to the information (if any) supplied by the student and shall 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, the vice president shall review the investigator's report and render a decision, in writing within 10 days of receipt of the grievance. Notification to the grievant shall be made through the clerk of the University.

c. If the Grievant Selects Option C:
   i. Within 5 days after receipt of the formal grievance, the vice president will appoint a Student Grievance Board to review the case. This board shall consist of 8 members who are affiliated with the University. Each member may be replaced by another member(s) of the same rank.
   ii. The board's report and recommendation shall be rendered within 30 days of the date the board is appointed.
   iii. The record of the student grievance shall be filed with the clerk of the University.

13. Student Record Guidelines

Student records submitted by or on behalf of the student are maintained by the University, and the student has the right to review them.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

The student may ask the University to amend a record that the student believes is inaccurate or misleading. The student should write the University official responsible for the record clearly identifying the part of the record to be changed, and specify the reasons why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University shall notify the student of the decision and advise the student of the right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that the University authorizes disclosure without consent. If students consent to the disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, the University shall disclose only the information that the student authorizes. The University shall keep a record of such consents. The University may disclose education records, subject to the restrictions of FERPA, without the prior written consent of the student in the following circumstances:

- To any school official whose needs in connection with his or her professional responsibilities require the disclosure of the records.
- To organizations conducting studies for the University.
- To students.
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, 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 and 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 on-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 as 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.

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

   a. The sale or service of alcoholic beverages to individuals of legal age may be permitted in private residential areas, 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 served must be obtained from the Associate 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 must be obtained from the Office of Student Life and/or the Office of Athletics.

   b. These arrangements include but are not limited to:

      i. Sponsorship of the organization and nature of the 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 any alternative 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.

   b. Approval Procedures for Non-Student Groups- When an event is properly scheduled to take place in a location for which a campus concession holds a license, alcoholic beverages are to be served through the concession and their license. Groups or organizations that seek to sell beer or wine along with a non-alcoholic beverage at a location 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 Regulation.

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 or designee.

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

   c. Other outdoor open spaces on campus - designated sponsors, i.e., Lake Claire - Director of the Student Union 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 regional 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 regional campus.

3. Off campus groups or organizations seeking 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 Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act, the University of Central Florida requires that an employee employed on a grant or contract notify the Office of Human Resources of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring at the workplace no later than 3 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 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. Drug/Alcohol Counseling, Treatment, or Rehabilitation and/or Recovery Programs Available to UCF Students 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 (AOD) Prevention Programming Office coordinates programs, activities, and services related to making healthy life choices regarding substance use. The REAL Project is the programming entity of the AOD Office. The REAL Project offers education, prevention, intervention, assessment, counseling, referral, and entry services designed to enhance students’ personal and academic success. Qualified staff are available to work with students and organizations, including BASICS (Brief Alcohol Screening and Interventions for College Students) for sanctioned and non-sanctioned students who are interested in determining if their substance use can be categorized as misuse, abuse, or dependence. Peer led programming is also an important element of the REAL Project. Professional health educators and trained Peer Educators provide a wide variety of college health related programming to inform students how to make low risk, healthy choices.

D. 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 Agency 1989 edition of Drugs and Attorney General’s Manual, the Federal, State, and Local Law for the Unlawful Possession or Distribution of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol is provided regarding applicable legal sanctions under federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs.

15. Student Activities and Organizations

The University supports a wide 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, honorary, athletics, 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 and individuals must also 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 and life skills, and experience greater personal development when compared to those students who choose not to get involved. These benefits are even more enhanced for those students who take on leadership roles within student organizations.

2. The Ability to Organize

The University encourages students to organize themselves and to pursue personal and/or professional interests. Further, the University supports the choice to form and affiliate with the University supports the organization's existence. In seeking, securing, and maintaining the privilege to be registered, each student organization must agree in writing to abide by all university policies, procedures, and regulations and to hold harmless the University for any actions or activities of the organization.

3. University Oversight

The University has the responsibility to exercise appropriate oversight over student organizations and their related activities. This includes the official registration of all student organizations through the Office of Student Involvement 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 an individual offender may not be attributed to and/or be cause to penalize the organization; however, misconduct on the part of the organization may be addressed when:

1. Members of the organization act together to violate University standards of conduct.

2. A violation arises out of an organization-sponsored, financed, or otherwise supported activity.

3. The organization's leadership has knowledge of the incident, behavior, etc. and fails to take corrective or prohibitive action before such incident, behavior, etc. occurs or fails to stop such incident, behavior, etc. while it is occurring.

4. A violation occurs on premises and/or transportation owned, operated, or rented exclusively by the organization.

5. A pattern of individual violations has occurred and/or continues to occur without adequate control, response, or sanction on the part of the organization or its leaders.

6. The organization or related activities provided the context for the violation.

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

C. Registration of Student Organizations

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

1. Registration Process

To be considered for registration, a student organization must submit in writing to the Office of Student Involvement a list of UCF student members and their UCF PID numbers, a list of all officers and their UCF PID numbers, the signature of all officers and the faculty/staff advisor(s), and the organization's constitution. Proposed student organizations must have a minimum of twelve UCF student members, except at regional campuses (which need a minimum of eight), or when affiliated with a national governing body (which needs a minimum of four). Proposed student organizations, whose mission/purpose appears to be a duplication of an existing organization, may not be recognized. No student organization may be set up so that any individual benefits monetarily from its existence. In seeking, securing, and maintaining the privilege to be registered, each student organization must agree in writing to abide by all university policies, procedures, and regulations and to hold harmless the University for any actions or activities of the organization.

2. Privileges of Registration

Student organizations registered by the University may be granted the following privileges:

a. The privilege to use University facilities depending on availability, program and guidelines;

b. The privilege to request Student Government Association activity and service fees provided by said organization adheres to the Student Body Constitution, the Student Body Statutes, and all Student Government Financial regulations;

c. The privilege to establish dues and sponsor money-raising projects;

d. The privilege to use the University's name as part of the organization's name (See Section 15 I 15);

e. The privilege to invite guest speakers to campus;

f. The privilege to grant awards and honors to organization members;

g. The privilege of access to campus for recruiting, fundraising, and publicity;

h. The privilege of a free organizational e-mail address and web site;

i. The privilege of access to resources provided by university departments and offices;

j. The privilege of free or low-cost banking;

k. The privilege of an on-campus mailbox;

l. The privilege to apply for cube space on campus;

m. The privilege to program with SGA agencies;

n. The privilege to participate, as a group, in University-sponsored events.

3. Registration of student organizations by the University shall not imply support for any student organization's purpose, philosophy, or activities. The University will not assume any legal liability for any student organization's activities per Florida Administrative Code.

D. Update Reports and Inactive 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 and officers, the signature of at least two current officers and the faculty/staff advisor(s), and the organization's contact information. Organizations that do not turn in an update form or do not meet any of the other informational requirements listed above will be considered inactive. Complete membership and officer lists and financial statements should be made available to the Office of Student Involvement upon request. Any change in the information indicated above during the academic year should be reported to the Office of Student Involvement. Should an inactive organization fail to reactivate within one (1) calendar year, that organization shall be considered dissolved. Dissolved organizations may only be reformed by following the aforementioned organization registration process.

E. Funds and Expenditures

Registered organizations may receive operating and programming funds from Student Government Association through an application process. All approved Student Government Association funding will be disbursed and expended through the Student Government Accountant. Student organizations receiving funds must comply with Student Government Office of Finance and Accounting Guidelines. 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 University's Office of Finance and Accounting.

F. Membership

Membership in any student organization is limited to any student who is currently paying the University's tuition and fees. A student's registration may be held by the University for non-payment of fees. A student who is currently paying the University's tuition and fees is entitled to access to University facilities and services. This eligibility extends to the student's guest(s) visiting the University for whom such access is provided.

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 is made up of students (3) appointed by the Student Body President and faculty (1) and staff (2) appointed by the Director of the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. The board elects their chairperson, who votes only in case of a tie. The Eligibility Appeals Board shall meet at least once within two weeks time. The appeal shall address the causes for ineligibility and reasons for believing that the problems have been resolved. The Eligibility Appeals Board is the deciding body that, upon hearing the appeal may waive the eligibility requirements for one semester. Students may only make one appeal. The Eligibility Appeals Board may review the academic record of students in those positions of leadership or responsibility. The decisions of the Eligibility Appeals Board are final.

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 UC faculty or staff advisor in order to be considered for active registration.

I. Conduct Regulations for Student Organizations
These conduct regulations shall apply to all student organizations of the University and its regional campuses and shall be deemed a part of the terms and conditions of admission and enrollment of all students and student organization registration.

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

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

2. Theft, Disregard for Property
   No student organization shall take, attempt to take, or keep in its possession property or services belonging to its organization. Misuse or mishandling of organizational funds by any officer, member, or other individual is prohibited.

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 rights, privileges, health, or safety of students or the University community or local community.
   b. Obstruct the free movement of other students around the campus, interfere with the use of University facilities, or prevent the normal operation of the University.
   c. Condone or encourage such acts of physical assault, including sexual assault.
   d. Engage in obscene or indecent conduct.
   e. Fail to comply with the administrative policies as enacted by the University.
   f. Fail to comply with the directions of University officials or authorized agents acting in the performance of their duties.

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

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

6. Gambling
   Student organizations are prohibited from the following:
   a. Plans or sponsors a lawful 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 chance 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 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 any food, liquor, liquid, drug, or other substances; or other forced acts or other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental or physical health and/or safety of the individual.
   c. Any activity that could subject the individual to mental or physical stress such as sleep deprivation, forced exhaustion 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. The University will not extend additional outstanding debts of student organizations.

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's person or property is prohibited.
    b. Possession or use of illegal fireworks, incendiary devices, or dangerous explosives is prohibited.
    c. Failure to properly maintain a student organization's facilities or property (or surrounding property) so as to create a potential danger to the health and safety of the occupants or monitors of the University and surrounding community is prohibited.
    d. Failure to properly maintain a student organization's facilities or property (or surrounding property) so as to create a potential danger to the health and safety of the occupants or monitors of the University and surrounding community is prohibited.

11. Advertising
    a. Originalization or circulation of any advertising media that contains material that violates federal, state, and/or local laws is prohibited.
    b. Originalization or circulation of any advertising media containing false or misleading information or obscene language or patently offensive material is prohibited.
    c. See IS 115 for more information.

12. Falsification of Information
    a. Causing, condoning, or encouraging the alteration or 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 crow size that exceeds such limits so 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 is prohibited 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 safety of those in attendance at an organization-sponsored event is prohibited.
    d. Conducting any event that interferes with the normal progress of academic events on campus is prohibited.
    e. Failure to register any potentially hazardous event with the Office of Student Involvement and/or Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is prohibited and may result in penalty through the Office of Student Involvement and/or Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.
    f. Failure to adhere to specific time limits and other restrictions required of all outdoor events involving bands or other forms of amplified music is prohibited.
    g. Outdoor events must cease by the time prescribed by the Office of Administration and Finance. Outdoor events taking place on property not owned by the University or licensed to the University must end at 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 Stu-
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 or be used in a manner that may be associated with the student organizations.

16. Compliance with the Directions or Requests of University Officials

Student organization officers and members shall comply with all directions or requests of University officials, University police officers, etc. in a timely manner.

J. Student Organization Conduct Review Process

1. Violation Reports

All violations of the UCF Rules of Conduct shall be reported in writing to the Director of the OSRR or designee. The written complaint of violation of the Student Organization Guidelines shall be made no later than one year following discovery of the alleged violation. After hearing a case involving individual students, a student hearing panel deems that the offense was an organizational offense in nature and not just the actions of an individual member, then the case will be handled as such. The Director of the OSRR or designee shall make appropriate inquiries into the circumstances of the case to determine one of the following dispositions:

- 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 the 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.

a. 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 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 (warning, restrictions, probation, suspension, or removal) or any parties voluntarily plug in with an agreement or plan of action. The Director or OSRR or designee may take immediate and summary action necessary to protect the interests of any or all concerned. Such action is subject to review within ten (10) days by the Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee. In the instance of organizational suspension or removal, there will be a scheduling of a hearing within ten (10) days to determine the status 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 organizational participants in mediation are responsible for keeping their agreement or renegotiating it, if necessary. In the event that the organizations do not reach a full and final resolution, the case will be referred back to the Director of 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, restrictions, 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, it is dismissed, or is not settled informally, the Director of OSRR or designee shall present in writing formal charges to the student organization.

f. Student Organization Hearing Panel

This written notification shall include:

1. The name of the organization, the chief student officer, name, and address if applicable.
2. Brief description of the alleged violation including date(s), time(s), and place(s) known at the time formal charges are prepared.
3. Names of potential witnesses known at the time formal charges are prepared.
4. A description of any written or physical evidence known at the time charges are prepared.
5. An invitation to attend an information session during which the organization’s representatives will receive instructions regarding the conduct review process and the organization’s rights, confirmation of the forum in which the case will be heard, and an opportunity to inspect and/or copy the evidence known at the time charges are prepared or to present the hearing.

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

h. Student Organization Hearing Board

The Student Organization Hearing Board shall consist of no less than twenty-five (25) persons appointed by the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

i. Administrative Hearings

Administrative hearings shall be conducted by a faculty or staff member randomly selected by the Director of the OSRR or designee. The charged student organization shall be informed of the hearing officer assigned to the case and shall have the opportunity to challenge the impartiality of the individual within three (3) business days of notification. The organization 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 “not due” and remand the case for rehearing. If the Director of the OSRR or designee accepts the recommendation of “in violation,” the student organization may request a hearing to appeal the recommendation.

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Any decision by the Director of the 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.

2. Conduct of Hearings

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

a. Reading of charges.

b. Student organization plea of “in violation” or “not in violation”

c. Presentation of evidence submitted by the charged student organization.

3. Case Record

The case record shall consist of the following items:

a. A copy of the formal charges in writing.

b. A recording of the hearing.

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

3. 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.

4. The organization shall be entitled to present the case on behalf of the student.

5. The organization’s member representative(s) may hear and question witnesses testifying at a hearing.

6. The organization shall be entitled to present self-incriminating evidence; however, the University is not required to postpone disciplinary proceedings pending the outcome of any 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 violation of a UCF conduct regulation. This list is neither exhaustive nor in order of severity and may be enlarged upon or modified to meet the particular circumstances of any given situation.

1. Recommendation for Charter Revocation: An official request to a national office that the local chapter’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.

II. Required Educational Programs

Alcohol awareness programs, risk management programs, etc. for a specified percentage of organizational membership.

M. Appeals Within the Student Organization Conduct Review Process

Student organizations found in violation because of a hearing may appeal 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.

3. Sanctions of UCF Registration that were not reasonably discovered and/or presented at the time of the initial hearing.

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

The appellate officer will review the written appeal, video recording (if applicable) and documentation from the original hearing, and determine if there is a basis for an appeal. On the appeal form, the student organization must state the reason(s) for appeal, the supporting facts, and the recommended solution. This is not a rehearing of the conduct case. An appeal cannot be filed simply because a student organization is dissatisfied with the decision. Failure to describe the nature of the evidence in full detail in the appeal letter will result in the denial of an appeal. The student organization shall be made to present the case at that time.

At the first level of appeal, the appeal must be made in writing to the appellate officer (Associate Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) within seven (7) calendar days after the date of notification to the student organization of the disciplinary decision. The appellate officer (Associate Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) shall 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 review of the specific information in question.

At the second level of appeal, the appeal must be made in writing to the appellate officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services or designee) within seven (7) calendar days after the date the student was notified of the Associate Vice President for Student Life’s decision. The appellate officer (Vice President for Student Development and Enrollment Services 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 review of the specific information in question.

1. Events Management

A. Event Management for Registered Events

1. General Policy

The purpose of this rule is to enforce policies for those events sponsored by Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) that have a potential to result in some degree of harm to persons or in some amount of defacement or damage to public or private property. This rule applies to events held on university-controlled property.

Registered “events” include any of the following elements, but are not limited to:

a. Bonfires, torches, or any other form of open flame.

b. Use of firearms, fireworks, explosives, or munitions.

c. Use of alcohol.

d. Helicopter or other aircraft landings, demonstrations, or fly-bys.

e. Motor vehicle, bicycle, or foot races.

f. Events held outdoors.

g. Events that will sell food.

h. Events that require Police, Physical Plant, Insurance, or any other similar services.

i. Activities in excess of 150 persons.

2. Procedure

Events (refers to potentially hazardous events as defined above throughout this policy) may be
sponsored by registered student organizations (as defined by the Golden Rule). Events include, but are not limited to lectures, speakers, celebrities, artists, musicians, entertainers, band parties, dances, socials, and fun-runs.

a. Scheduling
i. The Student Union Event Services Office coordinates the event planning process for events for registered student organizations. Contacts, vending agreements, purchasing of items, and any other arrangements may be offered after prior consultation with the Office of Student Involvement and/or the Activity and Service Fee Business Office. To schedule an event, a representative of a student organization must first schedule an event location and then complete a Safety Action Form (SAFE form) which can be obtained through the Office of Student Involvement. The event will not be confirmed until the submission of the completed forms to the Student Union Event Services office. All required signatures from special support services such as Police, Physical Plant, and Insurance must be completed to obtain approval for the event(s) to occur.

ii. If the organization desiring to schedule an event does not complete a SAFE form ten (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 shall be signed by an officer of the student organization and the faculty/staff advisor.

b. Approval of Facilities for Event
i. A request by a registered student organization to schedule facilities will only be considered when handled through appropriate university channels.

ii. Requests from 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. Failure to make arrangements for presentation of the program, including finances, with Event Services and/or the appropriate venue.

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.

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 or his or her designee.

c. Required Approvals
i. A student organization must secure requirement approvals at least ten (10) business days in advance of a proposed event before conducting or publicly announcing the intent to conduct the event.

ii. Application for approval shall be made in writing to the University of Student Involvement. The Office of Student Involvement will direct the student organization representative to the appropriate action(s) for obtaining required signatures from any of the following university officials for their information and approval:

a. Director of Environmental Health and Safety
b. Director of Physical Plant
c. Insurance Officer
d. University Police
d. Policy Officer

c. Cancellations and Terminations
i. Application or approval for conducting a registered event may be cancelled without penalty by the student organization or the university upon giving written notice to the other party.

c. Any registered event may be terminated during the event by the Office of Student Involvement, Student Union and/or the Police Department if it is determined that the event is not in adherence with the terms of the approved application or in the event of disruptive or unsafe situations.

c. Applicant’s Responsibilities
In addition to securing university approval to conduct the event, applicants shall be responsible for ensuring that:

i. The event is conducted as described in the application including any requirements therein for the clean-up, extra security, etc.

ii. All restrictions and regulations, such as amplified sound, contacts, admission fees, advertising, insurance requirement, and solicitation, placed on the event by the university are followed.

c. Insurance Requirements
i. Applicants shall contact the university’s insurance office within the Division of Environment Health and Safety to determine if the current UCF liability coverage provides the required protection, or if the special rider must be obtained. Cost of such a rider shall be charged to the applying student organization.

ii. 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.

3. Responsibility
The sponsoring organization is responsible for implementation of this procedure.

b. Loud Speakers and Sound Equipment
Active registered organizations may secure in writing permission to use amplified sound on the Orlando campus (including Research Pavilion) for the purpose of engaging in any activity to benefit either their own organization directly or a program that their organization may sponsor, as follows:
1. Student Union and inside the Pegasus Circle - Director of the Student Union or designee (see Student Union Amplified Sound Policy);
2. Outdoor area immediately adjacent to any building - officially designated building manager for that facility;
3. Other outdoor opens spaces on the campus - designated sponsors, i.e., Lake Claire - Director of Student Union;
4. Inside any building - officially designated building manager for that facility.

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

C. Admission Fees
Student or registered student organizations wishing to charge admission to an event should receive prior approval from the Office of Student Involvement. All admission fees may be charged to students for activity and/or fellowship funded events pursuant to applicable Florida statutes.

D. Contracts
No student is permitted to represent the University as a signatory on contracts.
the reservation is made. (See Student Union Event Services for current fees schedule.) UCF reserves the right to require any Vendor to submit proof of insurance coverage for comprehensive and general liability 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 Vendor solicitation purposes. Space is available 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, reservations fees will be refunded to UCF's Vendors who paid the fees. No provided 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-600 after the vendor unloads the materials and merchandise at UCF's Student Union.

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

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

k. UCF shall not tolerate the placement of tables, displays, tents, or other activities for solicitation purposes outside Pegasus Circle. UCF's Police will be responsible for monitoring all such activities outside Pegasus Circle. Those violating this policy will be instructed to leave immediately and may be issued a trespass warning by UCF Police.

3. Campus Locations for Solicitation

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

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

4. Exception to Policy

Officially registered, active student organizations of UCF desiring an exception to the above policy must secure, in advance, the written permission of either the Director of the Student Union 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 Orlando campus, permission must be secured as follows:

a. Student Union and inside the Pegasus Circle, and Ferral Commons 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 from the Director of Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life 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.

f. Recreation and Wellness Center and Intramural Sports area – from the Director of Recreation and Wellness Center.

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

Failure of officially registered, active student organizations to comply with this solicitation policy and procedure may result in 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 actions.

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 stairwells 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.

E. The University Police Department is responsible for enforcing this procedure.

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

18. Student Communication Responsibility Policy

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Numbers

Academic Services for Student Athletes
(407) 823-5955

Counseling Center
(407) 823-2811

Dispute Resolution Services
(407) 823-3477

Housing and Residence Life
(407) 823-4663

L.D. Card Services
(407) 823-2100

International Student Services
(407) 823-2337

Off-Campus Housing
(407) 823-6505

Office of Student Conduct
(407) 823-3281

Office of Student Involvement
(407) 823-6471

Ombuds Office
(407) 823-6440

Physical Plant
(407) 823-2471

Recreation and Wellness Center
(407) 823-2408

Registrar’s Office
(407) 823-3100

Student Academic Resource Center
(407) 823-5130

Student Disability Services
(407) 823-2371

Student Health Services
(407) 823-3850

Student Legal Services
(407) 823-2536

Student Union Information
(407) 823-6723

Student Government Association
(407) 823-2191

UCF Police Department
(407) 823-5555

Victim Services
(407) 823-2425

Wellness Center
(407) 823-5841

Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Ferral Commons, Room 153
(407) 823-6960