Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
April 19, 2011  

SUBJECT: Regulation: FGCU-PR4.005 Student Activities Eligibility  

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION  

Approve changes in FGCU-PR4.005 Student Activities Eligibility that would clarify the guidelines for students to be eligible to hold leadership positions in student organizations in elected or appointed positions.  

BACKGROUND INFORMATION  

Students holding leadership positions at FGCU are expected to maintain full time status as currently enrolled student in good standing with the University. This regulation describes all requirements to seek, hold and maintain elected and appointed positions and identifies the process that will monitor compliance. It also describes an appeal process to challenge the action of the university in the event there are unique circumstances or the decision is based on incorrect information.  

Supporting Documentation Included: Notice and Text of Regulation FGCU-PR4.005 Student Activities Eligibility  

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Legal Review by: General Counsel Vee Leonard (March 17, 2011)  

Submitted by: Vice President for Student Affairs Mike Rollo
REGULATION TITLE:
Student Activities Eligibility

REGULATION NO.:
FGCU-PR4.005

SUMMARY:
Provides that a student in an academic program of the University, who meets the other qualifications for eligibility, may participate in student activities as an officer. Provides that upon registration, a student organization is eligible to receive A&S Funding.

FULL TEXT:
The full text of the regulation being proposed is attached and can also be found at http://www.fgcu.edu/generalcounsel/promulgation.asp

LAW IMPLEMENTED:
Board of Governors' Regulation 1.001(4)

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REVISED REGULATION:
Dr. J. Michael Rollo, Vice President of Student Affairs

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL APPROVING THE PROPOSED REGULATION:
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ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE April 4, 2011 BY 5:00 P.M. THE COMMENTS MUST IDENTIFY THE REGULATION ON WHICH YOU ARE COMMENTING.

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE FGCU WEBSITE ON: MARCH 16, 2011
REGULATION: FGCU-PR4.005

Student Activities Eligibility

Effective Date of Regulation: 04/20/2010

A. GENERAL

Florida Gulf Coast University ("FGCU" or the "University") encourages student involvement on campus through activities and organizations. Research reports that co-curricular engagement has a positive impact on the general education of students and their retention at the University. Opportunities for involvement and leadership in student organizations include, but are not limited to, Student Government, media groups, academic, pre-professional, honoray, religious, club sports, recreational, social, special interests, cultural, service and fraternity/sorority groups. Student organizations and student leaders play an important role in the total university life and must, therefore, exercise judgment and responsibility in the planning and implementation of activities. This judgment and responsibility extends to individual members as well as officers of organizations. Organizations and individuals are also subject to the rules set forth by their national affiliations as well as the University's regulations and policies including, but not limited to, the Student Code of Conduct.

B. REGISTRATION OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Student organizations that wish to be recognized by the University must follow appropriate procedures established by the Division of Student Affairs. Registration approval must be granted by the Vice President for Student Affairs (or designee). Registered Student Organizations may be granted certain privileges by the Office of Student Involvement. Those privileges are outlined in its Student Organization Handbook. Organizational membership requirements must also be satisfied. In order to comply with the University's commitment to non-discrimination, no discrimination shall be made on the basis of gender, race, color, creed, age, religion, disability, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, parental status or veteran status.

C. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in any student organization is limited to any student enrolled in a degree-seeking program as an undergraduate, graduate, or postgraduate student.
(4) **ELIGIBILITY FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS**

The **University has established** minimum requirements for **leadership in a** student **holding** elected or appointed positions in a **student** organization **areas** as follows.

**a)** A student must:

1. **(a)** A student must **be** currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program and pay Activity and Service ("A&S") fee during the term(s) of the position; **or (b)** participating in an academic program of the University that may apply to a degree; and

2. **A student must meet** requirements for course registration and academic standing **such as**:

   **a.a)** **effective** Fall 2010, undergraduate students must be registered for at least nine (9) credits each regular semester, and enrolled in a credit bearing course in either summer term A, B or C, and maintain a minimum 2.25 cumulative FGCU GPA. Graduate and professional students must be registered for six (6) credits per semester, and maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative FGCU GPA; and

   **b.b)** **effective** Fall 2011, undergraduate students must be registered for nine (9) credits in each semester, and enrolled in a credit bearing course in either summer term A, B or C and maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative FGCU GPA. Graduate and professional students must be registered for nine (9) credits in each semester, and maintain a minimum 3.0 cumulative FGCU GPA;

3. **A student must be** in good academic standing, free of conduct probation and be free of delinquent obligations for tuition and fees. Notwithstanding, students who otherwise meet the requirements of this subsection, but have received approval to have a reduced course load due to a registered disability, are eligible to hold leadership positions in student organizations as described herein.

4. **b)** **A Student**s in the last semester before graduation are eligible for to holding a leadership positions if they are the student enrolled for the required number of credits needed for graduation that term and maintains the required GPA.

5. **A Students** who are currently in a leadership position of a student organization must meet these minimum requirements to continue holding a leadership position. **A Students** not meeting the eligibility requirements as outlined in this policy-regulation will be required to relinquish their office. A student may submit a written appeal to a committee appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs for review and determination if they—the student may remain in that position for the remainder of the semester.
6. Elected or appointed student leadership positions to which this regulation applies are student leadership positions in Registered Student Organizations, Student Government and its branches, Greek letter organizations and Sport Clubs.

7. Organizations and their officers that are active in the summer semester are subject to this requirement. An organization subject to this regulation is considered active during the summer semester if it holds regularly scheduled meetings and requests, expends or utilizes A&S funds between the first day of classes of Summer A and the last day of classes of Summer C.

8. FACULTY/STAFF ADVISOR

All registered student organizations shall have at least one full-time FGCU faculty or staff advisor in order to be registered and to be eligible to receive A&S funding.

9. FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

Registered Student Organizations may receive disbursements for operating and programming from A&S funds through the process established under the Student Government Finance Code.

10. VIOLATIONS

Organizations that violate any law, University regulation or policy, or Student Government policy will be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to the Student Code of Conduct.

11. STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AS INDEPENDENT ENTITIES

Registration of Student Organizations by the University shall not imply support for any student organization’s purpose, philosophy or activities. With the exception of Student Government, student organizations and clubs are entities independent of the University. The University assumes no legal liability for any student organization’s activities.

12. NO CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY

Students or student organizations shall not enter into contracts or agreements which purport to bind the University for any purpose.

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Action by Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees:
Approved 04-20-10

Specific Authority:
4001.74(4) F.S. BOG Regulation 1.001(4)

Law Implemented:
4001.74(10), Sections 1004.26 F.S., and 1009.24, Florida Statutes
-History of Rule

New 1-17-99; Amended 6-15-04

History of Regulation:

New 01/15/08; Amended 04/20/10; ___/__/11

Effective Date of Regulation:

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