



Item: AS: A-5

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Wednesday, June 17, 2009

**SUBJECT: Approval of the proposed FAU Regulation 4.014, Involuntary Withdrawal
(Formerly known as the “Medical Advisory**

INFORMATION

Florida Atlantic University
Regulation 4.014 Involuntary Withdrawal

(1) Purpose. The purpose of this regulation is to outline the process for advising and making recommendations to the Associate Vice President (AVP) and Dean of Students on the retention or withdrawal of a student in any case where the student's presence or continued presence on campus may constitute a health hazard, danger to him/herself or to others or otherwise endanger the University Community. A student may be involuntarily withdrawn from the University by the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students upon appropriate notification from, and consultation with, the advisory group described below.

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- (C) The AVP and Dean of Students or designee will call a meeting of the advisory group within five (5) academic days to discuss the case. At least four designated advisory group members must be present to proceed with a meeting and take action. The student has the right to be present at this meeting and may present written information (i.e., deposition of student conduct, character letters or statements, mental health assessments/evaluations) in support of his/her case. The student may testify on his/her own behalf, and may present witness testimony only if deemed helpful by the advisory group. Following the student's presentation, the advisory group shall deliberate in private session. At the conclusion of this meeting, the advisory group shall make a recommendation to the AVP and Dean of Students or designee whether to take action including withdrawing the student, reinstating the student without conditions, or reinstating the student with conditions.

- (I) Students who are involuntarily withdrawn from the University shall have a Student Affairs hold placed on their records, which will prevent them from being readmitted or reenrolled in the institution except as stated in this paragraph. A student may request readmission or reenrollment at the University and provide the AVP and Dean of Students or designee 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 and is medically fit to function as a student in the University

(6) **Mandated Assessment.** In an effort to minimize risk imposed by students with potentially unstable mental health conditions and to help protect the welfare of the FAU campus community, FAU has a procedure for reviewing incidents which have resulted in a student exhibiting behavior that poses an imminent danger to self or others. The student will be sent for an involuntary or voluntary assessment of the level of potential risk they pose of danger to self or others according to Florida law (i.e. Baker Act, Marchman Act). The purpose of the mandatory assessment is to protect the health, safety or welfare of the student or University Community.

(A) The Assessment must be made by the FAU Counseling Center professional or off campus/community based licensed mental health practitioner of the student's choice, and at the student's, expense with certified experience in the student's area of risk.

(B) The Assessment process consists of a minimum of four (4) sessions over a four (4) week period, one (1) session per week.

(C) During the sessions, the licensed mental health practitioner will make a thorough assessment of the student's risk status, need for intervention, and referrals for treatment as appropriate.

(D) At the end of the Assessment, the FAU Counseling Center professional or off-campus/community based licensed mental health practitioner will send the AVP and Dean of Students or designee a written report regarding the results and conclusion of the risk assessment, the student's attendance at each assessment session, the student's willingness to comply with treatment, and recommendations for any treatment deemed necessary to return the student to emotional and functional ability.

(E) Based on this report the AVP and Dean of Students or designee will determine, in consultation with the student and the advisory g3(of)- ()Tj 0.2j 0.2