

# Florida Atlantic University

## Regulation 4.006

## Student Government and Student Organizations

(1) PURPOSE.

- (a) Student Organizations and Student Government are an essential part of the Florida Atlantic University community and are an integral part of the total academic program. The presence of a diverse group of organizations is in the best interest of the University and its students. Such organizations foster valuable experiences for students that lead to significant learning and development and create a sense of belonging.
- (b) Student Organizations and Student Government provide a valuable service to the University community by promoting leadership development, community spirit, activism, community service, and social and cultural interaction. Student Organizations and Student Government sponsor conferences, seminars, lectures, debates, cultural and social events, and fine arts programs. These activities allow FAU Students to meet and interact with local, state, nationally, and internationally renowned scholars, artists, politicians, academicians and other professionals. Student Organization and Student Government members spend countless volunteer hours each academic year participating in service projects for campus and community efforts.

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- (c) Student. 7 K H W H U P 3 6 H Q L R U 9 L F H 3 U H V L G H Q W ' defined in the Student Code of Conduct, Florida Atlantic University Regulation 4.007.

- (d) Student Government. The Student Government and all Student Government Programs at the University shall be the representative of all students and is encouraged to function on campus with the recognition that ultimate authority for University affairs rests with the Board of Trustees and the administration of the University.
- (e) Student Involvement & Leadership. The term







- (a) Any Student(s) wanting to begin a new Student Organization shall file, within the first six weeks of the fall or spring semester, a Statement of Intent to Organize form with the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership on the campus on which they wish to organize
1. After submitting the completed form to the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and receiving approval, the group may then hold and advertise meetings on campus. This is considered provisional status.
  2. The provisional status is granted for six weeks during which time the group shall submit an Official Petition for Registration
  3. Failure to submit an Official Petition for Registration within the six week period of provisional status shall deactivate the Student Organization. At this point, the group will not be able to function as a Student Organization and may no longer be entitled to the Privileges afforded to registered Student Organizations.
- (b) Official Petition for Registration. The Official Petition for Registration shall be filed as soon as the membership of the organization is largely completed and occur within the six week period of provisional status. The Official Petition for Registration shall include:
1. The names, signatures and FAU Student ID numbers of



- (c) The Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and/or the Dean of Students will verify eligibility of the appointed and elected Student Officers of all registered Student Organizations and Student Government
- (d) Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements outlined in this regulation will be deemed as disqualified to serve Student Officers and be required to relinquish their office immediately upon notification (subject to appeal).
- (e) The privilege of representing the University carries with it the obligation to set a high standard of behavior. It is, therefore, the responsibility of the University President to ensure that Student representatives do not continue to represent the University, when, due to their misconduct, such participation would reflect poorly on the University. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section may result in disciplinary action being taken against Students pursuant to the Florida Atlantic University Regulation 4.007 Student Code of Conduct
- (f) To be eligible to hold elected or appointed office in Student Government or any Student Organization, a Student must meet University standards. These criteria are separate from and in addition to any criteria for office that a Student Organization or Student Government may set for itself, and emphasize the necessary balance that should exist between academic standards and commitment to s



8. Be free of any Student Code of Conduct sanctions unless an exemption is granted by the Dean of Students Office.
  9. Student Officers must be degree seeking students, but not necessarily in a selected major.
  10. Students interested in holding offices who have not completed a term and do not have a FAU cumulative grade point average must obtain permission from the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and/or the Dean of Students Office in order to be eligible. The transferring grade point average must meet the minimum qualifications to hold Student Officer position.
  11. Students who do not otherwise meet the requirements of this section but who have received approval from the Dean of Students to have a reduced course load, or other waiver(s) of these standards due to a disability that has been registered with the Office of Students with Disabilities, are eligible to hold Student Officer positions in Student Government and Student Organizations as described herein.
  12. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, students in their last semester before graduation are eligible to participate in Student Officer activities if they are enrolled for the required number of credits needed for graduation that semester. This provision shall only apply for one term.
- (g) Appeals. Appeals of non-eligibility decisions for Student Officers under this regulation must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Students Office on the appropriate campus to the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs within five (5) business days of notification of non-eligibility.
1. The appeal must state the grounds for appealing the decision.
  2. A response to the Student's appeal will be given within five (5) business days of receipt of the appeal at which time a hearing may be scheduled before the Eligi

campus and must comply with policies and procedures set forth in the Student Organization Manual

(12) SUSPENSION OF A STUDENT ORGANIZATION REGISTRATION.

(a) A Student Organization may be suspended by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership for any one of the following reasons:

1. Violation of University regulations, policies and procedures and/or state, Federal or local laws or any other violation under section 7 above, the event that Regulation 4.007 (Student Code of Conduct) applies in the suspension or revoked registration of a Student Organization, then Regulation 4.007 will govern this process.
2. Failure to pay debt of the Student Organization
3. The national organization revokes the Student Organization's affiliation.
4. Non-compliance with the Student Organization's registration procedures and constitution requirements.
5. Falsification of any registration information.
6. Violation of policies or other requirements stated in the Student Organization Manual

(b) The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership or designees send written notice of the suspension to the Student Organization President

(c) The Student Organization may appeal the suspension decision in writing to the Dean of Students within five (5) business days of receipt of the notice of suspension

1. The Dean of Students will review the basis for the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership's decision. A hearing will be required to initiate