

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 31, 2019**

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Create Board of Governors Regulation 6.021
Hazing Prohibited

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to create Board of Governors Regulation 6.021 Hazing Prohibited

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Currently, hazing activities are prohibited by law as set forth in section 1006.63, Florida Statutes, but the Board of Governors does not have a corresponding system-wide regulation that prohibits students and other persons associated with university student organizations from engaging in hazing. New proposed Regulation 6.021 titled "Hazing Prohibited" has been reviewed by members of the Council of Student Affairs and university general counsels or their designated representatives. The proposed regulation will be taken to the Board of Governors for initial review at the Board's January 2019 meeting. A summary of the new proposed regulation is as follows:

Subsection (1) requires each university board of trustees to establish an anti-hazing policy as part of the university's student code of conduct or as a separate regulation.

Subsection (2) defines "hazing" consistent with the definition in section 1006.63, Florida Statutes.

Subsection (3) sets forth the circumstances that do not constitute a defense to allegations of hazing.

Subsection (4) requires each university policy to provide a program for the enforcement of university anti-hazing regulations and the adoption of appropriate penalties that may range from the imposition of fines to expulsion, depending upon the severity of the violation, for both individuals and organizations.

Subsection (5) requires the university to provide a copy of the anti-hazing policy to students and for each organization to include the policy as part of the student

organization's bylaws. It also requires each university to make training opportunities available to students and student organizations that are designed to reinforce the policy and increase awareness of the dangers of hazing.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the full Board of Governors, the Intent to Create will be available for public comment for thirty days. If no concerns are raised by that time, the Regulation will come before the Committee and the Board of Governors for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials