

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
March 28, 2019**

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice to Approve Creation of Board of Governors Regulation  
6.021 Hazing Prohibited

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of the creation of Board of Governors Regulation 6.021 Hazing Prohibited

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, and Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure

**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. 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.

The Intent to Create was reviewed by appropriate offices at all universities and the Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Create at its January 30, 2019, meeting. Following that approval, no public comments were received and the regulation as created is ready for final approval.