DATE: April 8, 2011

REGULATION CHAPTER NO.: Chapter 2

REGULATION CHAPTER TITLE: Student Affairs

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: Housing (2.001)

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: The current University regulation require that all freshman (first time in college students) and/or students with less than twelve (12) semester hours credit shall reside in on-campus residential facilities (dormitories). Due to increased enrollment and other factors, the University is unable to house all first time in college students. Subsection (2) of the regulation is being amended to add a statement “based on space availability” to allow the University flexibility to grant exceptions when space is unavailable and to reflect existing residential facilities. Subsections (4) and (5) were amended to reflect applicable procedures for collecting rents and pertinent housing residential rules are distributed.

AUTHORITY FOR REGULATION: Article IX, Florida Constitution; BOG Regulation 1.001; Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure dated July 21, 2005.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THIS REGULATION: William Hudson, Jr., Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

PROCEDURE FOR COMMENTS: Written comments concerning this proposed regulation shall be submitted within 14 days of the date of this notice to the person identified below. The comments must specifically identify the regulation you are commenting on.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS: Oscar L. Crumity, Director, University Housing, Tallahassee, Florida 32307-3100, (850) 599-3651 (phone), (850) 561-2620 (fax), oscar.crumity@famu.edu.

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION: The full text of this amended regulation follows:
2.001 Housing.

(1) Eligibility for University Housing:
   
   (a) Single student facilities: Applicant must meet University admission requirements and be enrolled during the period of occupancy.

   (b) Family student facilities: Applicant must meet University admission requirements, be enrolled during period of occupancy, except for the summer period, and be married, divorced, widowed or a single parent living with his/her child(ren). Applicants are issued a Family Student Housing Application, Housing and Board Agreement and Terms and Conditions of Occupancy for completion and information.

   (c) Other (non-FAMU) students: Applicant must be enrolled in programs sanctioned or approved by the University. Non-FAMU students are considered for University housing on a space available basis.

   (d) Non-student University-related groups participating in special programs (seminars, workshops, etc.) may be able to reside in University housing facilities on a space available basis for limited periods of time.

(2) All freshmen (first time in college students) and/or students with less than twelve (12) semester hours credit shall reside in on-campus residence hall facilities (dormitories), based on availability. For purposes of this provision, the following are on-campus residence hall facilities: Cropper Hall, Diamond Hall, Gibbs Hall, McGuinn Hall, Paddyfoote Complex, Palmetto North Apartments, Palmetto South Apartments, Phase III Apartments, Sampson Hall, Truth Hall, Wheatley Hall, and Young Hall, Sampson Hall and Paddyfoote Complex.

   (a) Exceptions may be granted for:

   (i) Students residing at home if less than 35 miles from the campus;

   (ii) Married students; or

   (iii) Students twenty-one (21) years of age years or older.

   (b) The above requirement may be waived by the President or President’s designee on a case-by-case basis provided there is good cause shown by the student.
(3) Rent Collections – All rent for housing facilities, except family student housing, is due and payable in accordance with University Regulation 3.009.

   (a) Family Student Housing: Upon assignment, the resident is required to pay first month’s rent on a prorated basis, plus one month in advance. Rent is due and payable monthly in advance.

(4) House Rules – House rules are listed in the Residence Life Handbook, which is distributed to all residents with Housing Assignments. The handbook and rules peculiar to specific areas are issued to residents upon occupancy. Residents assist in the development of other rules as necessary.

(5) There may be visitation in University operated housing facilities by members of the opposite sex only in specific designated areas.

   (a) Residents and guests shall abide by all housing regulations, University rules, city, county, state and federal laws. Residents are to immediately notify the Housing Staff and/or Campus Police in the event of violations of housing regulations, rules and/or city, county, state or federal laws.

   (b) All residents in the housing facilities are responsible for and may be held accountable for the behavior of their guest(s). It is the resident’s responsibility to inform his/her guest(s) of the housing regulations and applicable University rules.

   (c) Overnight guests and co-habitation are strictly prohibited.

   (d) The privilege of visitation may be revoked for individuals or residence units where housing regulations and/or rules are violated.

   (e) The disposition and penalties arising from violations of this regulation shall be governed by the applicable provisions set forth in University Regulation 2.012.

(6) The University Housing and Board Agreement, Family Student Housing Application, Residence Life Handbook, Terms and Conditions of Occupancy and Eviction Procedures are incorporated herein by this reference. A copy of these materials may be obtained from the Housing Office and the Housing Website.

(7) Any deviations from the procedures as noted in the above sections must be approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

(8) The President or President’s designee may appoint a committee to review and recommend revisions to the housing rules as necessary.

(9) The Director of Housing may institute additional guidelines and/or procedures governing the operations of housing provided the guidelines and/or procedures are in writing and have been
approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee. All students must be properly notified in writing prior to the implementation of any new procedures and/or guidelines. Publications shall be made through the Residence Life Handbook, which shall be updated on an annual basis by a committee appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

Specific Authority: Article IX, Section 7(c), Florida Constitution, BOG Regulation 1.001.
History: New 5-11-11.

Specific Authority 1001.74(4) FS. Law Implemented 120.54, 1001.74(4)(10) FS. History—New 10-1-75, Amended 1-12-77, 7-2-78, 11-10-83, Amended 7-20-86, Formerly 6C3-2.01, Amended 9-14-87, Amended June 29, 2006.