

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES



NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION

DATE: May 26, 2006

REGULATION CHAPTER TITLE: Student Affairs

REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER: Voluntary and Involuntary Withdrawal from the University (2.007)

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: The amended Regulation deletes obsolete language in the University's voluntary withdrawal process and provides approval by the academic advisor, academic department chair and academic dean instead of the Director of the Counseling Center. The amended Regulation also establishes an involuntary administrative withdrawal process for students suffering from a mental disorder who engage or threatens to engage in behavior which poses a danger of physical harm or significant property damage to the student or others or substantially impedes the lawful activities of members of the University community. A student who is the subject of an involuntary withdrawal will be referred to a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist for an evaluation to be performed within five business days, followed by an informal hearing before the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs within seven business days after the evaluation. The student may be assisted by a family member and a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist or a member of the faculty or staff of the University. The student may also be accompanied by legal counsel; however, legal counsel may not actively participate. Students who refuse to complete an evaluation may be administratively withdrawn on an interim basis and will be afforded an informal hearing within three business days concerning whether the student's behavior poses a danger of serious, physical harm or significant property damage to the student or others.

AUTHORITY FOR REGULATION: Article IX, Florida Constitution, Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure dated July 21, 2005 and Section 1001.74(10), Florida Statutes.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THIS REGULATION: Dr. Vincent G. June, 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 on which you are commenting.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS: Antoneia Roe, Office of the General Counsel, Suite 300 Lee Hall, Tallahassee, Florida 32307, (850) 599-3591 (phone), (850) 561-2862 (fax), regulations@famu.edu.

FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION: The full text of the proposed amended regulation is posted on the Florida A&M University website at www.famu.edu/regulations.