6C1-1.016 University of Florida; Admissions

(1) In the admission of students, the University may consider an applicant’s character. The University may refuse to admit an applicant because of past misconduct. The University of Florida designates appropriate personnel to review all applications. This Rule describes the procedure and assigns responsibility for the review of these applications for admission.

(2) Statement of Policy.

(a) The Standard State University System Application for Admission (Undergraduate) and the University of Florida Application for Admission to Graduate School include questions concerning prior misconduct.

(b) Applicants who fail to give complete and accurate responses to the conduct section of the admission application may be subject to revocation of admission, disciplinary action, and invalidation of credits or degrees earned. Appropriate action will be determined by the University Admissions Committee or the Committee on Student Conduct.

(c) Applicants are required to immediately notify the University’s Admissions Office should any information given on the application form change prior to entry into the University. This includes the obligation to furnish information concerning events that must be disclosed in the conduct section of the application that occur prior to entry into the University. Failure to
provide such information may subject the applicant to revocation of admission, disciplinary action, and invalidation of credits or degrees earned. Appropriate action will be determined by the University Admissions Committee or the Committee on Student Conduct.

(d) In the cases of applicants who respond affirmatively to questions concerning misconduct, the Admissions Office shall follow the procedure described below:

1. The application and all relevant documentation shall be forwarded to the Director of Student Judicial Affairs for review. The Director may consult with appropriate individuals, offices, and agencies to determine whether or not the admission of the applicant is in the best interest of the University.

2. In cases involving violent or extreme unethical behavior, the Director may create a sub-committee to review documentation and interview the applicant to determine whether or not the admission of the applicant is in the best interest of the University. As a minimum, the sub-committee is composed of the Director of Admissions or designee and the Assistant/Associate Dean of the college for which the individual is applying.

3. If cleared for admission consideration by the Director of Student Judicial Affairs or the sub-committee, the Director shall advise the Admissions Office in writing. Conduct admission clearances may be granted with the imposition of restrictions, such as, but not limited to, restrictions from residing on campus, conduct probation, or counseling. These restrictions shall be communicated to the applicant in writing by the Director of Student Judicial Affairs. The admissions procedure will then proceed to determine academic eligibility.

4. If the applicant is refused admission on the basis of past misconduct, the Director of Student Judicial Affairs shall advise the applicant and the Admission Office of the decision in writing. Applicants denied admission under this Rule may appeal in writing to the Vice
President for Student Affairs within ten (10) days of the date of the written notification of denial or admission.

Specific Authority 240.227(1) FS.

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