4.044 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code: Interim Suspension Pending Investigation and Hearing.

(1) The Dean of Students or designee has the authority to determine if an alleged violation of the Student Conduct Code warrants the interim suspension of a student or student organization, or of a student or student organization's privileges pending the completion of an investigation and hearing regarding the alleged violation. The criteria to be used by the Dean of Students or designee in making this determination are:

(a) whether the student or student organization poses a danger of serious physical harm to himself/herself/themselves or others at the University; or

(b) whether interim suspension is otherwise necessary to protect the health, safety or, welfare, or property of the student, members of the student organization, others at the University, or members of the public.

(2) Upon determining that an interim suspension is warranted, the Dean of Students, with approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs, will suspend the student or student organization pending (a) completion of all investigations of the matter by the University and/or any outside entity or entities having jurisdiction over the matter, and (b) completion of a hearing conducted in accordance with University regulations, unless the Dean of Students determines prior to such time that interim suspension of the student or student organization is no longer necessary under the criteria set forth in subsection (1) above.

(3) Interim suspensions pending investigation and hearing will be immediately noted
on the suspended student’s university transcript in accordance with University of Florida Regulation 4.050.

(4) Generally, hearings conducted pursuant to this regulation will be scheduled after all investigations have been completed.

(5) No student or student organization may be removed from on-campus housing until the completion of the appropriate hearing unless it is determined by the Dean of Students that such removal is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of individuals, property or the public.

(6) Students or student organizations may appeal the interim suspension or loss of privileges decision of the Dean of Students by requesting a meeting after receiving notice of the decision, or upon new information or a substantial change in circumstances that removes the threat or danger under the criteria in subsection (1). This meeting is an opportunity for the student or student organization to articulate why there is not a threat or danger under the criteria in subsection (1). The decision of the Dean of Students in this meeting is final.

Authority: BOG Regulation 1.001.

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