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- (1) The College prohibits any action or situation that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student. Students and organizations are prohibited from engaging in any form of hazing either on or off campus. The College does not condone any act or acts that constitute hazing. Hazing is defined and penalties are set forth in Section 1006.63, Florida Statutes.
- (2) Hazing is defined as any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any club or organization operating under the sanction of the College, hereinafter referred to as a "College organization". Such term shall include, but not be limited to:
 - A. Pressuring or coercing the student into violating state or federal law.
 - B. Any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual.
 - C. Any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or any other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual.
 - D. For purposes of this Rule, any activity as described above upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a College organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be a "forced" activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.
 - E. This Rule does not include customary athletic events or other similar contests, competitions, or any activity or conduct that furthers a legal and legitimate objective.
- (3) A person commits hazing when he or she intentionally or recklessly commits, solicits a person to commit, or is actively involved in the planning of any act of hazing as defined above upon another person who is a member of, former member of, or an applicant to any type of student organization and where such hazing creates a substantial risk of physical injury or death to such other person; or the hazing results in a permanent injury, serious bodily injury, or death of such person.
- (4) The following are not defenses to an act of Hazing:
 - A. The consent of the victim had been obtained.
 - B. The conduct or activity that resulted in the death or injury of a person was not part of an official organizational event or was not otherwise sanctioned or approved by the organization.



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- C. The conduct or activity that resulted in death or injury of the person was not done as a condition of membership to an organization.
- (5) Any student that commits any act of hazing, whether intentionally or recklessly, will be subject to the sanctions set forth in the Rules of the Board of Trustees, Rule 6Hx7-11.1.
- A. The penalties imposed by the College based on the student's violation of the Rule may include:
1. The imposition of fines;
 2. The withholding of diplomas or transcripts pending compliance with the Rule or the payment of a fine; and
 3. The imposition of probation, suspension or expulsion from the College.
- B. The penalties imposed to an organization that authorizes hazing in violation of the Rule may include revocation of authorization for the organization to operate on College property or otherwise operate under the sanction of the College.
- C. All penalties imposed pursuant to the Rule shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for violating any criminal laws of this state or for any violation of any other Rule of the College for which the violator may be subject.
- (6) This Rule shall apply to acts conducted on or off campus whenever the act or acts are determined to constitute hazing by recognized student organizations.
- (7) The College shall provide an electronic copy of this anti-hazing Rule and penalties adopted to each student enrolled at the College and require that the Rule and penalties be in the bylaws of each organization operating under the sanction of the College as set forth in section 1006.63 (10), Florida Statutes.
- (8) A person may not be sanctioned under this section if he or she establishes all of the following:
- A. That he or she was present at an event where, as a result of hazing, a person appeared to be in need of immediate medical assistance.
 - B. That he or she was the first person to call 911 or campus security to report the need for immediate medical assistance.
 - C. That he or she provided his or her own name, the address where immediate medical assistance was needed, and a description of the medical issue to the 911 operator or campus security at the time of the call.
 - D. That he or she remained at the scene with the person in need of immediate medical assistance until such medical assistance, law enforcement, or campus security arrived and



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that he or she cooperated with such personnel on the scene.

- E. That - before medical assistance, law enforcement, or campus security arrived on the scene of a hazing event - the person rendered aid to the hazing victim. For purposes of this subsection, “aid” includes, but is not limited to, rendering cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the victim, clearing an airway for the victim to breathe, using a defibrillator to assist the victim, or rendering any other assistance to the victim which the person intended in good faith to stabilize or improve the victim’s condition while waiting for medical assistance, law enforcement, or campus security to arrive.

(General Authority: F.S. 1001.64, 1001.65, 1006.63)

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