



## REGULATION: FGCU-PR4.009

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### **SOCIAL FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES**

- A. Federal law provides that no educational program or activity may discriminate on the basis of sex. However, social sororities and fraternities are expressly exempted from this requirement by federal law (20 USC Section 1681), provided that the social fraternity or sorority:
1. Is exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of Title 26; and
  2. The active membership consists primarily of students in attendance at an institution of higher education.
- B. A social fraternity or sorority is an organization which does not:
1. Limit membership to persons pursuing or having interest in a particular field of study, profession or academic discipline;
  2. Serve as an honorary society for academic, leadership, or any other endeavor; or
  3. Permit members to hold membership in other social sororities or fraternities.
- C. In addition to the requirements for registered student organizations provided for in FGCU-PR4.005, an organization submitting an application to be registered as a social fraternity or sorority must:
1. Hold an affiliation with a national social fraternity or sorority;
  2. Limit membership to currently enrolled students of the University; and
  3. Meet the requirements to be exempt from the requirements of 20 USC Section 1681, described above.
- Notwithstanding FGCU-PR4.005(2), an organization registered by the University as a social fraternity or sorority may limit its membership to a single sex.
- D. The Vice-President for Student Affairs, or designee, is authorized to register social sororities and fraternities. The Vice-President for Student Affairs, or

designee, may establish policies to implement a process for recognizing social sororities and fraternities. The Vice-President for Student Affairs, or designee, may also establish policies to implement an expansion process for the social fraternity and sorority community. This expansion process must include the participation by at least one Greek governing body. A participating member of a social sorority or fraternity and the Greek organization itself, must be in good standing with the University.

- E. A social fraternity or sorority registered with the University must be an active member of a Greek governing body, such as either the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Panhellenic Association or any subsequently registered Social Fraternity or Sorority governing body at Florida Gulf Coast University to remain in good standing.

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