

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recommendation that the Broward College District Board of Trustees accepts the revisions to Policy 6Hx2-5.13 Student Life. Fiscal Impact: None.

Presenter(s): Janice Stubbs, Vice President of Student Services

Purpose: Key changes include a newly articulated general statement that governs student life. The oversight for the Student Life Programs and Services Committee has been restructured: the "Associate Vice Provost for Student Life had been removed, placing more responsibility on the committee chair and the Vice President for Student Services. We've also established clear rules for depositing funds associated with student organization activities. Changes in the implementation and oversight section now reflect the title "Senior Director, Student Engagement" and removed the "Associate Vice Provost for Student Life", while also updating the title for Vice President of Student Services.

Return on Taxpayer or Student Investment: N/A

How does this impact student success: Ensuring that the policy is current enables students to be fully aware of their rights, thereby contributing to their success.

What specific goal of the Strategic Plan is advanced through this action: N/A

Small Business Firm (Yes, No, N/A): N/A Broward Firm (Yes, No, N/A): N/A



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GENERAL STATEMENT

Broward College ("College") is committed to improving the quality of life for its students through a comprehensive Student Life program, which may include, but is not limited to, student organizations, leadership and student development, student government, community service opportunities/service learning, intramural activities, sports and intercollegiate athletics, campus recreation, new student orientation campus recreation, educational, inclusion and entertainment engagement programming, student media, and the issuance of the College identification card.

THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT

Participation in Student Life activities shall be open to all currently enrolled students and employees of the College, without regard to race, color, age, national origin, religion, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. However, the College reserves the right to limit access, screen participants, or establish criteria for participation based on program goals and budgetary limitations.

Student organizations must conform to the College standards of civility as proscribed in the Student Code of Conduct, College Policy 6Hx2-5.02.

Student organizations are free to support causes by orderly means that do not disrupt the operation of the College. The College neither sanctions nor endorses the views presented.

In accordance with College Policy 6Hx2-5.02 – Student Code of Conduct, the College prohibits any acts of hazing on or off the campus by individual students, student groups or organizations, or any other individuals or groups associated with the College.

In compliance with section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, the Student Life programs shall be funded by the Student Activity and Service Fee assessed on a per credit hour basis.

Broward College international centers may implement a student life program at their discretion subject to their own rules.

Student Life Programs and Services Committee

The Student Life Programs and Services Committee shall recommend a balanced Activity and Service Fee budget to the Associate Vice Provostfor Student Life chair of said committee, and Ombudsperson, who shall submit the budget to the Vice President for Student Services for approval.

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The membership of the Student Life Programs and Services Committee shall be comprised of at least 50% students, with at least one student member from each campus. The budget prepared shall be based on an estimate of total funds generated from this fee as well as an estimate of funds carried forward from the prior year.

Salaries of all employees funded by the Activity & Service Fee are established through the normal college human resources processes and are not subject to approval by the Student Life Programs and Services Committee.

Student Organization Funding

Student organizations may request funds from their campus Student Life office in accordance with the Advisor Manual. These funds must remain in the appropriate College account. Student organization funds from all sources other than the receipt of student activity and service fees must be deposited at the Cashiers office into a College Agency account within 24 hours of receiving the funds, subject to College Policy and Procedure 6Hx2-6.25, Agency Fund Account.

Transportation

In accordance with College Policy 6Hx2-7.07 – Use of College Vehicles, travel in College-owned or rented vehicles to and from student life events is open only to currently enrolled and authorized students participating in the event, and appropriate College staff. Family members and guests are prohibited from traveling in College-owned or rented vehicles unless they are authorized student or staff participants in the event.

THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF ADVISORS

Faculty and staff may serve as an advisor to a student organization and are required to conform to the procedures for advisors in College Procedure A6Hx2-5.13. The chief student affairs officer on the campus may remove an adviser_advisor if it is deemed in the best interest of the student organization.

IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The student life directors/coordinators under the supervision of the Senior Director, Student Engagement in consultation with the campus deans of students in consultation with the Associate Vice Provost President for Student Life & Ombudsperson and under the direction of the the Vice Provost President for Student Services; in consultation with the campus student dean of student services, are responsible for implementation and oversight of policy compliance.

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Individual members of and registered student organizations who violate the provisions of this Student Life policy shall be subject to the disciplinary procedures and penalties outlined in College Student Code of Conduct, up to

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and including dismissal from the College, both in their individual capacity as a student and in their collective capacity as a student organization.

DEFINITIONS

Student Organization - a student group that has registered with a campus/center student life office in accordance with the provisions of this policy and procedure.

Hazing - Pursuant to section 1006.63, Florida Statutes, the College defines hazing 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 organization operating under the sanction of the College. Such terms include, but are not limited to, 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, and shall include 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. Any activity as described above upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a student organization is directly or indirectly conditioned shall be presumed to be forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

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