UNIVERSITY POLICY SA-04.00-06/01

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TO: University of West Florida Community

FROM: Morris L. Marx, President

SUBJECT: The University of West Florida Judicial System

AUTHORITY: Section 240.227 F.S.

Policy/Purpose: Interprets Rule 6C-6.0105 and 6C6-3.010, F.A.C.

Chapter 6C-6.0105 of the Florida Administrative Code requires the university to establish rules which ensure due process to students and guarantee the academic integrity of the institution. In accordance with this provision, the University of West Florida has adopted a comprehensive judicial system which is responsible for the enforcement of the University Code of Student Conduct. The judicial system is administered by the Vice President for Student Affairs and/or designee, the University Conduct Committee, the Housing Office, teaching faculty, College Deans and their respective Academic Standards Committees. Each judicial agency is responsible for providing procedural rights including advance notice of the charges, notice of the hearing, a fair and impartial hearing, the opportunity to examine evidence and to offer witnesses, and to appeal the findings to the appropriate person or committee. Each agency is authorized to establish additional rules or procedures as necessary not to be in conflict with applicable laws and university rules.

1. The Housing Office is assigned original jurisdiction for those matters that involve a charge of student violation of housing policies and regulations and for minor violations of the UWF Code of Student Conduct that occur in the residence halls. Sanctions may include reprimand, warning, community service, probation or eviction from campus housing. Appeals for housing violations are to the Director of Housing and then to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

2. The Office of Student Affairs or the University Student Conduct Committee is assigned original jurisdiction for those matters that involve a charge of student violation of the Code of Student Conduct, other than academic dishonesty, and may impose those sanctions listed in the current Code of Student Conduct. Appeals concerning matters adjudicated by the Office of Student Affairs or the University Conduct Committee will be to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

3. Teaching faculty, the College Deans and their respective Academic Standards Committees are assigned original jurisdiction for those matters that involve a charge of academic dishonesty. Penalties that may be imposed are listed in the current Code of Student Conduct. Appeals concerning academic misconduct matters will be to the College Academic Standard Committee or the Provost.

4. The President and the Vice President or Associate Vice President for Student Affairs shall have the power and discretion to order any student to cease and desist any activity which disrupts the orderly operation of the University. Any student failing to abide by the cease and desist order shall be subject to suspension pending a hearing.

5. The imposition of interim suspension may be required in those instances in which a student’s continued presence on campus constitutes an immediate threat or injury to the well-being or property of members of the university community, or to the property or the orderly functioning of the university. The imposition of interim suspension entitles the student to a prompt hearing of the charges.

APPROVED: Dr. Morris L. Marx, President

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