UNIVERSITY POLICY SA-06.03-06/01

DATE: June 21, 2001

TO: University of West Florida Community

FROM: Morris L. Marx, President

SUBJECT: Hazing

AUTHORITY: Section 240.227 F.S., 240.261 F. S. and 240.262 F. S.

Policy/Purpose: Interprets Rule 6C6-3.018, F.A.C.

Hazing is defined as any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a person for the purpose of initiation or admission into any organization registered by the university. This includes, but is not limited to, beating, branding, forced exercises, and forced consumption of food or beverage or any other substance. Also included are activities causing mental stress such as sleep deprivation, exclusion from contact with others or forced contact that could result in extreme embarrassment or adversely affects the dignity of the individual. For the purpose of clarity, any activity described above that is directly or indirectly a condition of initiation or admission into a registered university organization shall be presumed to be a forced activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.

University-registered student organizations are prohibited from hazing in any form both on and off campus. Every student organization must include the university’s Anti-Hazing Policy in its bylaws.

Any violation of this policy should be reported to the University Commons and Student Activities Office.

APPROVED: Dr. Morris L. Marx, President

DATE: July 5, 2001

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