

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION**

**DATE:** September 29, 2009

**REGULATION 6.014 Student Governments**

**SUMMARY:** The proposed Board of Governors Regulation 6.014 provides a regulatory framework for university boards of trustees to establish a regulation for the structure, operation, and internal procedures of student governments. The regulation provides that all students shall have the opportunity to be represented in the institution-wide student government.

The regulation verifies that each student government is a part of the university at which it is established and clarifies that a student government's internal procedures are to be approved by the university board of trustees or its designee as deemed appropriate by the board of trustees. Guidance is also offered regarding internal procedures for the operation of student governments, including student government officer election, conduct, discipline, suspension, and removal.

**FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.**

**AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S):** Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION:** Vikki Shirley, General Counsel

**COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW.** The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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## 6.014 Student Governments

(1) The university board of trustees shall establish a student government on the main campus of each state university. In addition, each university board of trustees may establish a student government on any branch campus or center, or the students of those areas shall have the opportunity to be represented in the university-wide student government. Each student government is a part of the university at which it is established.

(2) Each student government shall be organized and maintained by students and shall be composed of at least a student body president, a student legislative body, and a student judiciary. The student body president and the student legislative body shall be elected by the student body; however, interim vacancies and the student judiciary may be filled in a manner other than election as prescribed by the internal procedures of the student government.

(3) The president of the student body of the university shall be a member of the university board of trustees. The president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall be a member of the Board of Governors.

(4) Each student government shall adopt internal procedures governing:

(a) The operation and administration of the student government.

(b) The execution of all other duties as prescribed to the student government by university regulation.

(5) Upon adoption, such internal procedures shall be approved by the university board of trustees or its designee as deemed appropriate by the board of trustees.

(6) The qualifications, elections and returns, the appointments, and the suspension, removal, and discipline of officers of the student government shall be determined by the student government as prescribed by its internal procedures. At minimum, qualifications to seek office and to continue to serve in office are subject to any established university standards for leadership activities, including those for remaining in good academic standing.

(7) Each student government shall adopt internal procedures providing for the suspension and removal of an elected or appointed student government officer following the conviction of that officer of a felony. In addition to any other internal procedures set forth in paragraph (6) for suspending, removing, and disciplining officers, any elected or appointed officer of the student government may be removed from office by the majority vote of students participating in a referendum held under this paragraph. Each student government shall adopt internal procedures by which students may petition for a referendum to remove

from office an elected or appointed officer of a student government. The grounds for removal of an officer by petition must be expressly contained in the petition and are limited to the following: malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent inability to perform official duties, or conviction of a felony. The referendum must be held no later than sixty (60) days after the filing of the petition.

(8) Members of student government are expected to adhere to the university code of conduct. A member may be charged with a violation of the university code, even if the student government brings organizational charges against the individual.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., History--