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Student Eligibility Regulations

Qualifications for Student Leaders

- a) All FAU students are eligible for membership in any recognized student organization at FAU, provided that membership requirements of the organization are satisfied.
- b) Student Government and each student organization should take steps to ensure that candidates for student office meet the minimum eligibility requirements as stated in this regulation prior to election or appointment.
- c) The Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and/or the Dean of Students will verify eligibility on the appointed and elected student officers of all registered Student Organizations.
- d) Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements as outlined in this regulation will be deemed as disqualified to serve as student leaders and be required to relinquish their office immediately upon notification (subject to appeal).
- e) The Privilege of Representing our University carries with it the obligation to set a high standard of behavior. It is, therefore, the responsibility of the University President to ensure that student representatives do not continue to represent their institution, when, due to their misconduct, such participation would reflect poorly on their respective institution. Failure to comply with the provision of this section may result in disciplinary action being taken against the student pursuant to the Florida Atlantic University Regulation 4.007: Student Code of Conduct.
- f) To be eligible to hold elected or appointed office in any Student Organization, a student must meet University standards. These criteria are separate from and in addition to any criteria for office that a Student Organization may set for itself, and emphasize the necessary balance that should exist between academic standards and commitment to student development, as described in the University's Mission Statement.

To this end, in order for a Florida Atlantic University student, either undergraduate or graduate, to be eligible to hold office/position in a registered student group or organization, a student must:

1. Be enrolled a minimum of six (6) credit hours in the Fall and six (6) credit hours in the Spring semesters, if an undergraduate student;
2. Be enrolled a minimum of three (3) credit hours in the Fall and three (3) credit hours in the Spring semesters, if a graduate student.
3. Maintain a 2.7 or higher for cumulative and previous term institutional grade point average and be in good academic standing in their undergraduate, graduate or professional program to run and hold the Student Government positions of Student Body President, Vice President, Campus Governor and Student Court Justice.
4. Student Body President and Vice President positions must be at least junior level students with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed at Florida Atlantic University.

5. Maintain a 2.5 cumulative institutional grade point average and be in good academic standing as an undergraduate student.
6. Maintain a 3.0 cumulative institutional grade point average and be in good academic standing as a graduate student, or at least the minimum grade point average required to be in good standing with the graduate or professional program in which they are enrolled, and otherwise be in good academic standing.
7. Be free of any financial holds to the University or receive a deferment by the end of the Drop/Add period each semester.
8. Be free of any Student Code of Conduct sanctions unless an exemption is granted by the Dean of Students Office.
9. Student officers must be degree seeking students, but not necessarily in a selected major.
10. Students interested in holding offices who have not completed a full term and do not have a FAU cumulative grade point average must obtain permission from the Office of Student Involvement & Leadership and/or the Dean of Students Office in order to be eligible. The transferring grade point average must meet minimum qualifications to hold the leadership position.
11. Students who do not otherwise meet the requirements of Section 9. (f), but who have received approval from the Dean of Students to have a reduced course load, or other waiver(s) of these standards, due to a registered disability with the Office of Students with Disabilities, are eligible to hold leadership positions in student organizations as described herein.
12. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, students in their last semester before graduation are eligible to participate in campus activities if they are enrolled for the required number of credits needed for graduation that semester. This provision shall only apply for one term.

g) Appeals. Appeals of non-eligibility decisions under the University standards must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Students Office on the appropriate campus or the Senior Vice President for Student Affairs within three (3) business days of notification of non-eligibility.

1. The appeal must state the grounds for appealing the decision.
2. A response to the student's appeal will be given within five (5) business days of notification at which time a hearing may be scheduled before the Eligibility Appeals Board.
3. The Eligibility Appeals Board shall be comprised of two students, two faculty members, and one student affairs staff member. The student affairs staff member will be chair of the Board. The Senior Vice President for Student Affairs shall appoint this board as needed.
4. An Eligibility Appeals Board decision will be given within five (5) business days of the scheduled student hearing.
5. During the appeal process a candidate, on an interim basis, may be appointed to the position in question in order to fulfill obligated duties.
6. The decision of the Eligibility Appeals Board is final.



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 College _____ Major _____ Classification _____
 Current Course Load _____ FAU Cumulative GPA _____ FAU Current GPA _____

Name of organization(s) affiliated with and elected/appointed office(s) held:

Please provide the basis for your appeal (attach additional pages if necessary).

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Please provide a supporting statement from your academic advisor (attach additional pages, if necessary).

Academic Advisor's Signature _____ Date _____
 Advisor's Name Printed _____ Phone _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPEAL FORM TO THE ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE VIA FAX, 561-297-2502; OR CAMPUS MAIL, BLG. 8, ROOM 226. THE ELIGIBILITY APPEALS BOARD WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ITS DECISION BY E-MAIL.