SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIVERSITY REGULATION

6C2R-3.004 Student Conduct Code

To reduce confusion, a separate regulation governing student organizations, 6C2R-3.0041, has been drafted. It parallels the Student Conduct Code, as revised here, in most provisions. This revision of the Student Conduct Code is a substantial revision though much is in clarification of terminology and procedures. Significant changes are as follows:

--Update to definition of "weapon" provides additional examples of non-lethal prohibited items, including bb guns, paintball markers, and ornamental items

--Update to arson/unauthorized fire definition

--Addition of misappropriation (theft but without intent to permanently deprive) to list of offenses

--New violations of recording images or oral communications without consent

--Definition of "hazing" brought in line with statutory language; incorporation of University hazing policy and criminal statute, and new offense of retaliation against reporter of hazing added

--Clarification provided as to the applicability of the rules of evidence, acceptance of witness statements in lieu of live testimony, how to determine the appropriate type of hearing, and preparation of transcripts.

-- Provides more specific language for hearing panel makeups and when they can proceed with less than all members

--Changes to complainant's rights and appeals section in line with OCR guidance; appeals from final agency action proceed to the Second Judicial Circuit (instead of DCA) updated to reflect changes to the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure

AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY REGULATION

The authority for the proposed regulation is as follows: Board of Governors Regulations 1.001 (3) (a), (j) and (4) (a), 6.0105

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE REGULATION

Proposed adoption of Regulation 6C2R-3.004 has been initiated by Dr. Mary Coburn, Vice President for Student Affairs

PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY REGULATION

Any person may submit written comments concerning the proposed regulation within 14 days of the date of this notice to: Robyn B. Jackson Office of General Counsel. 424 Westcott Building Florida State University Tallahassee, FL 32306-1400 Electronic address: rbjackson@fsu.edu 850-644-8973 (fax) 850-644-4440 (phone)