MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

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PROCEDURE TITLE:	Suspension of Student Organizations	
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I. PURPOSE

To provide information concerning conditions under which a recognized student organization may lose its official status at Miami Dade College.

II. PROCEDURE

A recognized organization may lose its official recognition and be suspended if, as a result of the actions of its officers or members, or as a result of an activity of the organization as a whole, the organization violates College policy and procedures or applicable laws.

All student organizations, their officers or members are expressly forbidden to engage in any kind of hazing action or situation either on or off campus that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or participation in the organization. (See, Procedure 4093 - Formation of Student Organizations for a description of hazing).

The Director of Student Life has the authority to temporarily suspend an organization. He/she is responsible for gathering the facts and setting them forth in writing relative to the alleged violations to College policy or procedures. The College disciplinary procedure (4030) will apply where applicable to individual students, and the Student Dean has the authority to adjust the procedures as may be necessary in dealing with an organization. The disciplinary suspension will be in effect for ten (10) school days, at which time the Student Dean will conduct a formal hearing. A decision will be reached at the formal hearing as to whether the suspension will continue.

The suspension of a club or organization carries the following penalties:

1. A loss of all rights previously afforded to a recognized official organization of Miami Dade College. This includes, but is not limited to:

    i. Denial of the access to space, facilities, or resources of the College that are generally afforded to a recognized organization.

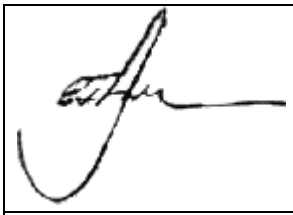
    ii. The preclusion from participating in any College-sponsored activities under the banner of the organization.

    iii. The preclusion from utilizing the name of Miami Dade College in any way in association with the organization.

    iv. The removal of the privilege of having a Miami Dade College advisor.

2. If the temporary suspension of an organization is upheld by the Student Dean, it shall remain in effect for a specified period of time, but for not less than one major term. An organization found guilty of hazing will be suspended for a minimum of one year. In order for the organization to be reinstated, it must comply with all the conditions that apply to establishing a new organization.

3. All penalties imposed under the authority of this procedure shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for violation of any applicable civil and criminal federal, state, or local laws, rules and regulations to which the violation may be subject.



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