SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO UNIVERSITY REGULATION

FSU-2.0131 Posting, Chalking Advertising and Active Distribution of Materials on FSU Campuses

The proposed amendment to the curen regulation slightly edits language to clarriy the intent, to provide further consistency with s. 1004.097, F.S. Free expression on campus and to respond to comments from free speech advocacy groups.

It was suggested that language in this regulation providing for removal of free standing signs might authorize the administration to remove signs based purely on content. A simple addition, as follows, will clarify that the reason for any such removal is not the sign contents but its physical location or construction. This change was accepted by the outside advocacy group as sufficient.

(d) Signs may be removed or special requests denied due to: <u>physical</u> harm posed to the university community; damage or deterioration by inclement weather; excessive postings; or space constraints.

Though this is a very smal change, it is a substantive change to the Regulation and requires a formal amendment.

AUTHORITY FOR THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY REGULATION

The authority for the proposed regulation is as follows: Board of Governors Regulations 1.001(3) (j), (7) (g).

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE REGULATION

Proposed adoption of Regulation FSU-2.0131 has been initiated by Office of General Counsel.

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:

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