

# Palm Beach State College

# Board Policy

<b>TITLE</b>	Hazing: Suspension of a Student; Suspension of a Student Organization	<b>NUMBER</b> 6Hx-18-3.41
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## Policy:

This rule is to provide information concerning conditions under which a recognized student organization may lose its official status at the College and is intended to provide information concerning the conditions under which a student may be suspended for violating the anti-hazing rule.

1. A recognized club or organization may lose its official recognition and/or 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 rules and directives.
2. 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, which 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.
3. Hazing shall be defined to include, but not be limited to, any brutality of a physical nature, such as whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the elements, forced consumption of any food, liquor, drug, or other substance, or any other forced physical activity which could adversely affect the physical health or safety of the individual. ~~and~~ Hazing shall include any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could individual result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual. Any activity as described above, upon which the initiation or admission into or affiliation with a community college organization is directly or indirectly conditioned, shall be presumed to be a "forced" activity, the willingness of an individual to participate in such activity notwithstanding.
4. The Vice President of Student Services has the authority to temporarily suspend a club or organization. The Vice President of Student Services is responsible for gathering the facts and setting them forth in writing relative to the alleged violations to College rules or directives. The interim suspension will be in effect for a maximum of 15 school days, during which time the Vice President of Student Services 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:

- (a) A loss of all rights previously afforded to a recognized official organization of Palm Beach State College. This includes, but is not limited to:
    - (1) Denial of the access to space, facilities, or resources of the College that are generally afforded to a recognized organization.
    - (2) The preclusion from participating in any College-sponsored activities under the banner of the organization.
    - (3) The preclusion from utilizing the name of Palm Beach State College in any way in association with the organization.
    - (4) The removal of the privilege of having a Palm Beach State College faculty advisor.
  - (b) If the temporary suspension of a club or an organization is upheld by the Vice President of Student Services, it shall remain in effect for a specified period of time, but for at least one major term. In order for the organization to be reinstated, it must comply with all the conditions that apply to establishing a new organization.
5. The Vice President of Student Services has the authority to suspend a student who violates this rule. The Vice President of Student Services is responsible for gathering the facts and setting them forth in writing relative to the alleged violations to College rules or directives. The Student Appeals Procedure rule (6Hx-18-3.34) will apply. The interim suspension will be in effect for a maximum of fifteen (15) school days, during which time the Vice President of Student Services will conduct a formal hearing. A decision will be reached at the formal hearing as to whether the suspension will continue.