

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REPEAL OF REGULATION

University of West Florida

November 13, 2007

REGULATION TITLE: UWF/REG 3.028 Religious Observance

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: It is proposed to repeal this regulation because the content is covered by University policy.

AUTHORITY FOR REGULATION: Article IX, Florida Constitution, Board of Governors Resolutions dated January 7, 2003, Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure 7/21/05.

NAME OF UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING PROPOSED REGULATION

AMENDMENT: Dr. Deborah Ford, Vice President of Student Affairs.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE REGULATION IS: James Felder, Assistant General Counsel at jfelder@uwf.edu, 850-474-3420 (tel), 850-857-6058 (fax), or 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32514. Any comments regarding the proposed regulation procedure must be sent in writing to the contact person on or before November 28, 2007 to receive full consideration.

THE DATE THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE UWF BOARD OF TRUSTEES WEBSITE: November 13, 2007

THE FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION TO BE REPEALED IS SET FORTH BELOW:

University of West Florida Regulations

UWF/REG-3.028 Religious Observance.

(1) The University of West Florida recognizes the concept of religious freedom of students. This rule sets forth the framework within which religious observance, practice and belief of students is recognized in regard to admissions, class attendance, class work assignments and the scheduling of examinations, major class events, work assignments and University activities.

(2) Admissions – The University of West Florida shall not deny admission to any student because of his religious belief or practice.

(3) Class Attendance – Professors and University Administrators shall in no way penalize students absent from academic or social activities because of religious observances. Any student shall, upon notifying the instructor, be excused from class to observe a religious holy day of his faith. Such notification shall be made no later than one week prior to the holy day, or as prescribed by the instructor at the beginning of the term.

(4) Scheduling of Examinations, Major Class Events, Work Assignment and University Activities – No major test, class event, work assignment, or University activity shall be scheduled on a major religious holy day. A major religious holy day shall be a significant day of religious observance as recognized by the highest governing body of that particular religious faith. Evidence of such recognition shall be provided by the student unless previously designated by the University.

(5) Any student who believes that he has been unreasonably denied an educational benefit because of his religious belief or practices may seek redress by implementing the University of West Florida's student grievance procedures as described in the UWF Student Handbook.

*Specific Authority 240.227(1), 240.134 FS. Law Implemented 240.227(1), 240.134 FS. History--New 5-29-90.
Converted to UWF/REG 3.028-7/21/05, Repealed_____.*