

REGULATION

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I. INTRODUCTION (Purpose and Intent)

In order to create a safe and healthy learning environment and ensure the well-being of both students and employees, the University of South Florida (USF or University) established the Students of Concern Assistance Team (SOCAT) within all USF Campuses. The Students of Concern Assistance Team is the campus entity that accepts referrals regarding students or groups of students whose behavior is of concern to others and manages the Involuntary Health Related Withdrawal Policy.

A. SOCAT, will be the "Designated Committee," working under the leadership of CS107(72)(b)(c)(1) at

process is the same for an Involuntary Withdrawal due to extenuating circumstances process and the SOCAT-Assisted Voluntary Withdrawal ("Voluntary Withdrawal") process; the latter only being available at USF campuses with a student outreach services office collaborating with SOCAT.

III. INTERVENTION STANDARDS

Prior to moving forward with any steps in the withdrawal process due to extenuating circumstances, SOCAT may outreach to a student to offer, or in some cases require, a well-being check-in appointment with a SOCAT member. During this appointment the SOCAT member will discuss with the student the resources and services available that will assist the student in decreasing the student's behaviors of concern and that will support the student in experiencing personal and academic success. Additionally, the SOCAT member will discuss with the student the option for a Voluntary Withdrawal as well as the SOCAT-Assisted withdrawal. The options for support presented to the student to assist in achieving the student's academic and personal success or to assist in decreasing the student's concerning behavior will be considered reasonable options under the circumstances without imposing an undue burden on the University or unacceptable risk of harm to self or the greater University Community.

While SOCAT will make a good faith attempt to monitor the student's engagement and follow-up with these resources, it is the sole responsibility of the student to seek the support services. This includes seeking medical care or counseling, following the medical or treatment advice and accurately reporting one's physical and mental conditions to the student's health care provider(s). SOCAT assistance in accessing these resources does not relieve a student of the student's personal responsibility to follow through with and adhere to recommendations. A student's lack of follow through and engagement with support resources may result in

immediate temporary separation from USF which may remain in place pending final determination of the Involuntary Withdrawal process. This may prohibit a student from attending classes, participating in registered student organizations or activities or entering any USF property, campus or USF affiliated housing.

IV. IN VOLUNTARY OR VOLUNTARY WITH DRAWALS

- A. Voluntary Withdrawal from active course enrollment with assistance from SOCAT, and/or its outreach services component, must be due to "extenuating circumstances" as outlined in USF academic regulations. (Availability of this option may be limited to USF campuses with designated outreach personnel)
- B. Involuntary Withdrawal from active course enrollment, will be initiated when the student's condition/behavior creates a significant and imminent risk to the safety, health and well-being of the University community. Such risk includes engagement in behavior that directly endangers others, significantly disrupts the community or poses a legitimate and life-threatening concern for safety.
- C. Prior to invoking an Involuntary Withdrawal from classes in an effort to determine the nature, duration, and severity of the concern for safety and whether reasonable accommodations exist that would sufficiently mitigate the concern, SOCAT may:
 1. Require the student undergo an individualized assessment at Student Health Services which may include 2-4 sessions, by a licensed mental health practitioner. As part of a

SOCAT will review the results of the assessment to determine whether reasonable supports will allow the student to meet the student's essential academic and University community responsibilities while maintaining a safe college environment for all students. The results of the mandated assessment and recommendations are not binding on SOCAT, the Designated Committee, Designated Authority or the University.

If it is determined that the reasonable supports available will allow the student to meet the student's essential academic and University community responsibilities while maintaining a safe college environment, such supports will be committed to the student.

account which must be removed in order to register for classes. In order to remove the Health and Wellness

recommendations may accompany the approval notification. The student may contest these additional requirements, as per the process outlined in Section VI (Appeals).

- G. In the event that a student is not approved to Return to Classes under those expectations or conditions outlined by SOCAT, the Designated Office (r), or designee, will communicate what additional information is needed to meet the conditions to return. The process outlined in Section VI (Appeals), will be included and available to the student.

VI. APPEALS

A student has the right to file a written appeal of SOCAT's decision regarding an Involuntary Withdrawal or Return to Classes. The student may appeal in writing to the campus senior student success officer (e.g. Vice President of Student Success or equivalent at each USF campus) or designee within (3) days of the date of the notice to the student. The senior student success officer will consider the written appeal and render a final decision within ten (10) days or notify the student that additional time will be necessary to consider the appeal. The senior student success officer's decision is a final USF action.

- B. The appeal officer may grant a review of a SOCAT decision only if the appeal officer determines one of the following:
 - 1. New evidence that was not available at the time of SOCAT's decision; or
 - 2. A significant deviation from procedures that affected the outcome of SOCAT's deliberations.

VII. RECORDS

- A. SOCAT shall maintain such records as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities under this Regulation.
- B. SOCAT will maintain centralized recordkeeping and/or database to manage information related to students referred for consideration under this Regulation. As students may register for courses on multiple campuses or institutions, the central records process provides a mechanism for university system communication, when necessary.
- C. At minimum, each SOCAT member shall
 - 1. Ensure that all of its records (if not fully electronic) are stored in a safe place and under lock when not in use and ;

