NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT

Date: July 29, 2009

REGULATION TITLE: Real Property Leasing
REGULATION NO.: UCF-7.203

SUMMARY OF REGULATION: This regulation is substantially amended to incorporate information previously spread across several other regulations in this area. By combining all general information regarding lease transactions in this single regulation, other regulations can be repealed. This simplified structure will make the guidelines more accessible to the public. Amendments to the regulation also include technical changes, specifically renumbering of the regulation.

AUTHORITY: BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003

NAME OF PERSON WHO INITIATED PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT:
Regulations Administrator

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation you are commenting on.

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FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT:

UCF6C7-7.203 Real Property Leasing.

(1) Purpose—The purpose of those regulations numbered Rules 6C7UCF-7.203 through 6C7UCF-7.220, F.A.C., is to implement the authority given to the University of Central Florida to...
lease real property for the use and benefit of approved programs of the University, according to this and other related regulations.

(2) Exceptions. These rules-regulations shall not apply to leases for less than 21 consecutive days.

(3) Lease. A lease is an agreement containing the terms and conditions establishing the relationship of landlord and tenant for real property, including land and any improvement thereon. A lease agreement must be in writing and executed by an authorized university official.

(4) Approval of Leases. Before leasing a building or any part thereof and occupying such space, a lease agreement shall be approved by the University’s attorney and the President or Vice President for Administration and Finance or the President’s designee. All lease agreements in excess of $1,000,000 shall be approved also by the Board of Trustees or designee.

(5) Nothing contained in these regulations shall be interpreted as circumventing any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements for life safety, construction, or disabled access.

(6) Standard Lease Agreement Terms. The University has certain standard lease agreement terms that it requires where the university leases space from a third party and where the university is the landlord. All lease agreements must have the prior approval of the Office of the General Counsel or shall be considered null and void.

(7) Escalation Clauses Prohibited. A lease shall not contain a rental escalation clause or an open rental rate that permits an adjustment in the amount paid by the University based on the happening of a future event, such as a change in the Consumer Price Index. Any such clause in a lease shall be null and void and unenforceable. The final cost to the University for the complete term of a lease, including the projected costs for all renewal periods, must be clearly set forth in the lease or calculable based on the terms of the lease.

(8) Right-to-Terminate Clause Required. A right-to-terminate clause shall be a part of any lease for a term exceeding one fiscal year and may not be omitted from any University lease. To comply with this provision, each lease for a term exceeding one fiscal year shall contain the following clause: “The
State of Florida’s performance and obligation to pay under this lease is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the legislature.”

(9) Renewal of Leases. Any lease may contain an option to renew. Any such renewal shall be made according to the terms and conditions of the lease.

(10) Code Compliance in Leased Space.

(a) Any privately owned building or any part thereof to be leased to the University shall comply with those portions of Chapters 553 and 633, F.S., applicable to University buildings, including but not limited to fire safety, life safety and disabled access standards.

(b) Before construction or renovation of any state-leased building is commenced, the University shall ascertain that the proposed construction or renovation plan complies with those applicable portions of Chapters 553 and 633, F.S.

(c) The cost of all modifications or renovations made for the purpose of bringing lease property into compliance with applicable fire safety, life safety, and disabled access standards shall be borne by the lessor unless otherwise agreed in writing by the University.

(11) Space Measurement. The measurement of leased space shall be based on the method of measurement used by the State University System for gross square feet as described in BOG Regulation 17.001.

Authority: Florida Board of Governors BOG Resolution dated January 7, 2003. History—Formerly 6C7-4.052(I), (11)(b), F.A.C., Renumbered and Amended 8-4-82, 3-16-03; Renumbered and Formerly 6C7-2.203—Amended —09.