

Hazing, Alcohol Issues Prompt Fla. University To Halt Greek Activities

Another Florida university has suspended many fraternity and sorority activities after alcohol and hazing issues came up.

In an announcement Wednesday, the administration at the University of Central Florida said recent events indicate the school's Greek community needs a change in culture when it comes to alcohol use and hazing. No information on anything specific was released.

Hazing has been a topic of discussion and debate in Florida since the November 2011 death of Robert Champion. The Florida A&M University drum major died after a brutal hazing ritual aboard a bus.

UCF officials said they will develop a comprehensive plan to address alcohol and hazing issues.

More than 3,100 students participate in 48 recognized Greek organizations at UCF.

A school news release says fraternities and sororities will be permitted to hold organizational business meetings but little else.

For a copy of the UCF news release, click here.

Approximately 600,000 college students are unintentionally injured while under the influence of alcohol. Approximately 700,000 students are assaulted by other students who have been drinking and about 100,000 students are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape (from NCADD Fact Sheet: Facts About Underage Drinking). Click here to learn more.