Hazing is prohibited at the College. Hazing is defined in Section 240.326(1) FS as follows:

As used in this section, 'hazing' means any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission into or affiliation with any organization operating under the sanction of a community college, hereinafter referred to as "community college organization." Such term includes, but is not 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 also includes any activity which would subject the individual to extreme mental stress, such as sleep deprivation, forced exclusion from social contact, forced conduct which could result in extreme embarrassment, or other forced activity which could adversely affect the mental health or dignity of the individual. For purposes of this section, 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.

Penalties for violation of this policy shall be administered in accordance with College policy 6Hx27:10-14 subject, however, to any limitations or additional penalties contained in subsection 240.326(2)(a)1,2,3 FS set forth as follows.

1. Such penalties may include the imposition of fines, the withholding of diplomas or transcripts pending compliance with the rules or pending payment of fines, and the imposition of probation, suspension, or dismissal.
2. In the case of a community college organization that authorizes hazing in blatant disregard of such rules, penalties may also include rescission of permission for that organization to operate on campus property or to otherwise operate under the sanction of the community college.

3. All penalties imposed under the authority of this subsection shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for violation of any of the criminal laws of this state or for violation of any other community college rule to which the violator may be subject.

Subsection 240.326(2)(b) FS, further provides that “rules adopted pursuant hereto shall apply to acts conducted on or off campus whenever such acts are deemed to constitute hazing."

This policy shall be included in the bylaws of each organization operating under the sanction of Tallahassee Community College pursuant to Section 240.326(4) FS.