

What Now President Bense and Provost Saunders?

Lee P. Gore, UWF General Counsel and Advisor to the President, is being investigated by the Florida Bar for practicing law without a Florida license. We wonder what the University of West Florida is doing to investigate Gore? Here's why we're asking. UWF has responsibility to assess behavior in relation to its own policies and rules:

University of West Florida Regulation UWF/REG-6.0051 [Standard of Conduct](#)

(1) University employees shall give first consideration to the objectives and policies of the University, adhere to all legal and regulatory requirements, and strive to avoid the appearance of unethical or compromising practice in relationships, actions, and communications.

UWF leadership certainly has the authority and "just cause" to suspend Gore for his misconduct of practicing law as General Counsel of UWF without a Florida license:

University of West Florida Regulation [UWF/REG-2.019](#) University Procedures Relating to Suspension, Termination, and Other Disciplinary Action for Non-Unit Faculty.

(1) Termination and Suspension. (a) The appointment of any non-unit faculty member will be terminated or suspended with or without pay during the term of the faculty member's employment contract for just cause. The faculty member shall be given written notice of termination or suspension by the President or the Vice President for Academic Affairs...

This regulation appears to apply to faculty. We do not know whether Mr. Gore is considered to be faculty at UWF. But, should he not be held to a standard at least as high as faculty?

What's it going to be President Bense and Provost Saunders?