Unmanned Aircraft Systems/Drone Use at FAU

Florida Atlantic University is currently drafting a formal university policy to govern the use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as “drones.” This policy will address UAS operations related to research, academic and university business and/or operations on university property and at university-sponsored events. Recreational UAS operations on university property is strictly prohibited.

The purpose of instituting a policy for this activity is to mitigate risks to individuals and organizations potentially affected by UAS operations and to comply with federal, state, and local laws. Pending finalization of the policy, all requests to operate a UAS as part of their academic, research or university business and/or on university property or at university-sponsored events must request and receive approval from FAU, by and through FAU Risk Management, in consultation with the FAU Division of Research and the office of the General Counsel.

All requests and questions should be submitted to ehs@fau.edu for review with “UAS Approval Request” in the subject line. All requests must include who will be piloting the UAS, copies of FAA certification documents, where the flight will take place and the purpose of the mission. Additional information may be requested as part of the review process prior to authorization. Please direct any question to FAU Risk Management at 561-702-8224.