SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6C-6.009 for “Admission of Foreign Students to SUS Institutions”

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION
Approve Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 6C-6.009 Relating to “Admission of Foreign Students to SUS Institutions” for Publication on the Board of Governors Web Site Pursuant to the Board’s Regulation Development Procedure

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION
Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
This proposed regulation merges and updates information that previously was contained in Board of Governors Regulation 6C-6.009 (“Admission of Foreign Students to SUS Institutions”), as well as in prior System policy regarding mandatory health insurance for international students. The proposed amendments have been made based on input from university directors of international services, directors of student health centers, and members of the State University System (SUS) Student Health Insurance Task Force. Primary changes include increases in the minimum insurance coverage international students are expected to maintain to include increased coverage for mental health care, prescription drugs, repatriation, and medical evacuation.

As drafted, this regulation reflects and supports campus-level decision making and institutional accountability within guidelines developed by the Board of Governors and under the constitutional framework established by Floridians for their system of public universities. Once adopted, it will supplant any existing policies and more clearly delineate the authority and responsibilities of the Board of Governors and University Board of Trustees with regard to admission of international students to SUS institutions.

Pursuant to the Regulation Development Procedure adopted by the Board at its March 23, 2006, meeting, the Board is required to provide public notice by publication on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before adoption of the proposed regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft of Amended Regulation 6C-6.009

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