SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 3.006 Accreditation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the public notice to amend Board of Governors Regulation 3.006 Accreditation.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A system-wide work group was appointed by the SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents to review Regulation 3.006. After the review of this regulation, the workgroup recommended the following amendments for consideration by the Board of Governors:

- Language is incorporated to require that specialized accreditation be earned and maintained for academic programs in which graduation from an accredited program is a prerequisite to achieve licensure or certification for professional practice.
- Language was removed that directed institutions to provide the Office of the Board of Governors with a rationale explaining why a certain program is not seeking accreditation.
- Language is added to require institutions to provide immediate notification to the Office of the Board of Governors when an accredited academic program is placed on warning, probation, or when the accreditation status is revoked by an accrediting body, and to provide any report on the adverse accreditation findings provided by the discipline-specific accrediting body.

The regulation has been reviewed by the university general counsels, Council of Academic Vice Presidents, Council of Student Affairs, and other state university staff.
Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its meeting on March 23, 2006, the Board is required to provide public notice on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before adoption of the proposed regulation amendments.

Supporting Documentation Included:  Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials