BOARD OF GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

September 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Board of Governors Regulation 6C-6.009 Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS) Institutions

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Board of Governors Regulation 6C-6.009 Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS) Institutions

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Amendment of Board of Governors Regulation 6C-6.009 was approved for public notice at the August 2007 Board of Governors' meeting. 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. It is renamed "Admission of International Students to State University System (SUS) Institutions." 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.

Summary of Changes from the August 2007 Version

This proposed regulation has been revised as a result of comments and suggestions received during the public notice period. All changes have been highlighted in the attachment. To ensure that institutions have time to implement necessary changes and provide students with sufficient notice, the changes in requirements for health insurance will go into effect for the fall term of 2008. Once adopted, this regulation 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.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Draft of Amended Regulation 6C-6.009

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