

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
May 08, 2008

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate Board of Governors Regulation 10.014
Regarding Academic Infrastructure Support Organizations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate Board of Governors Regulation 10.014
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AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution, Section 1001.705

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In preparation for the drafting of a new regulation regarding Institutes and Centers at state universities, the Board of Governors decided in May 2007 to eliminate the categories of Type I, Type II, and Type III Institutes and Centers that had existed under the Board of Regents. The new categories to be adopted would be University Institutes and Centers and State of Florida Institutes and Centers. At the same meeting, the Board automatically reclassified all but three existing Type I institutes and centers as University Institutes or Centers, with the understanding that each one would be required to go through an application process to become a State of Florida Institute or Center. In November 2007 the Board of Governors promulgated Regulation 10.015 which provided the process by which an institute or center could apply for State of Florida status, and which established system-level policies and accountability for all institutes and centers at state universities.

The three former Type I institutes and centers that were not reclassified in May 2007 included (1) the Florida Center for Library Automation, (2) the University Press of Florida, and (3) the Florida Institute of Oceanography. Board members requested a different classification and regulation for these organizations, because they primarily serve a utility function by providing specialized infrastructure and support for instruction and research throughout the State University System. Subsequent to that request, the enclosed draft regulation for these "Academic Infrastructure Support Organizations" (AISO) was developed for consideration. The primary reasons for promulgating such a regulation are to provide these organizations with standing within the System and to put into place a process for adding or eliminating such entities, when appropriate.

The draft regulation has been reviewed externally by university representatives and the State University System Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP). At its March 26, 2008 meeting, the CAVP voted to recommend approval of the draft regulation to the Board of Governors with the following provisions:

1. There will be no grandfathering of existing organizations into the new AISO category. Members of the CAVP felt that each should be required to apply for the new status following the process outlined in the regulation. This approach will provide an opportunity for each organization to revitalize its statewide mission and purpose, revisit budgetary requirements, establish effective organizational structure, and secure the commitment of participating universities and external partners.
2. In preparing a proposal for becoming an AISO, each existing entity will be guided by a CAVP task group. The task group will provide leadership in determining the needs of the State University System and the state for the particular services to be provided, and in identifying any additional services that should be the responsibility of the proposed AISO. In addition, the task group will help to define the distinctive mission of each proposed AISO and provide guidance on budgeting and governance issues.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft of Proposed Regulation 10.014

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