

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Academic Programs / Strategic Planning Committee
March 29, 2007**

SUBJECT: Approval of Board of Governors Regulation 6C-8.012, Academic Program Termination

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Board of Governors Regulation, 6C-8.012, Academic Program Termination

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This new regulation will codify program termination policies that now exist in statutes and policy memoranda. It will establish the levels of authority and responsibility for program termination in order to ensure the efficient use of state resources, and maintain the quality and relevancy of academic programs offered within the State University System. It will also put into place safeguards for ensuring that degree program termination does not negatively impact existing students or disproportionately affect SUS minority participation.

In brief, the proposed regulation includes:

- BOG Degree Program Termination Criteria
- Authority and process for termination of degree programs at all levels
- Requires University Board of Trustees to adopt policy

As drafted this regulation reflects and supports campus-level decision making, and institutional accountability 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 Academic Program Termination.

Summary of Changes from January 2007 Version

This proposed regulation has been revised as a result of comments and suggestions received during the public notice period. Subsection (b) has been amended to clarify that programs may be terminated if they are not aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, or the strategic goals of the Board of Governors.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft New Regulation

Facilitators/Presenters: Staff, Academic and Student Affairs