

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

SUBJECT: Approval of Board of Governors Regulation 6C-8.014, Exception to the 120 Credit Hour Requirement for Baccalaureate Programs

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Board of Governors Regulation 6C-8.014, Exception to the 120 Credit Hour Requirement for Baccalaureate Programs

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution
Section 1007.25 Florida Statute

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This new regulation adopts the 120 credit hour to degree requirement established in Section 1007.25 Florida Statutes and establishes BOG approval authority and criteria for granting an exception for certain programs.

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 approving Exceptions to the 120 Credit Hour Requirement for Baccalaureate Programs.

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 (c) has been added to provide for an exception to 120 credit hours for programs that offer a unique or innovative learning experience, such as honors programs, individualized study, and other non-traditional approaches to education.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft New Regulation

Facilitators/Presenters: Staff, Academic and Student Affairs