

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
May 10, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Architecture at Florida Atlantic University

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider Limited Access status for the Bachelor of Architecture at Florida Atlantic University (Classification of Instructional Program Code 04.0201).

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution; 1001.02 (3) F. S. and 1007.31 F. S.;  
Regulation 6C-8.013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Regulation 6C-8.013, approved by the Board of Governors on March 29, 2007, states that a program may be considered for Limited Access status if: (1) The number of students who have met all the requirements for admission to the university and to the program is in excess of available resources such as space, equipment or other instructional facilities; clinical facilities; or adequate faculty to meet acceptable student-faculty ratios. (2) The program is of such a nature (normally in the fine or performing arts) that applicants must demonstrate that they already have the minimum skills necessary to benefit from the program. (3) The program is of such a nature that applicants must attain a grade point average and/or other standard (e.g. standardized test scores) above those required for admission to the university offering the program.

Florida Atlantic University is seeking Limited Access for the Bachelor of Architecture because the number of students who are currently enrolled in the program is in excess of available resources. The accrediting body, the National Architectural Accreditation Board, requires that all students enrolled in a studio class be provided design studio space for their exclusive use. The studio facilities in Fort Lauderdale can accommodate desks for no more than 152 students per term in the upper division. Limited access is required so that the professional accreditation of the program is not jeopardized.

Access to the Architecture program will be limited by restricting the number of students admitted annually to match the available resources. Admissions will be based on past academic performance, design skills, and writing skills. Applications will be graded numerically on these criteria and ranked in descending order. The strongest applicants will be offered admission to the program. The school does not anticipate any

demographic changes with regard to community college transfers or race and gender profiles from the implementation of limited access.

The University of Florida and Florida A&M University have all designated their Architecture programs as limited access. If approved, FAU plans to implement Limited Access Status effective with Fall 2007 enrollments.

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**Documentation Included:** None

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