

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
January 25, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate a New Board of Governors  
Regulation for Academic Program Authorization

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate a New Board of Governors Regulation  
for Academic Program Authorization

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

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

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This new regulation will codify into one source the program authorization policies that now exist in various statutes, regulations, resolutions, and policy memoranda. In preparation for drafting the proposed regulations, the BOG Office of Academic and Student Affairs hosted a two-day Academic Affairs Conference in July of 2006 attended by state university academic affairs staff. Subsequent to this meeting draft regulations were developed and provided to university staff for review and comment.

In brief, the proposed regulation includes:

- Definitions of key terms (Degree Program, Major Track, Minor Track, etc.)
- Revised BOG New Degree Program Approval Criteria
- Authority and process for approval of degree programs at all levels
- Authority and process for approval of other types of academic program offerings (Clarifies UBOT and BOG authority that was vague in statute)
- 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 Authorization.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Draft New Regulation

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Staff, Academic and Student Affairs