

**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 Termination

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate a New Board of Governors Regulation  
for 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.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Draft New Regulation

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