

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee
January 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design at the University of South Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider for Limited Access status the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design at the University of South Florida, CIP Code 50.0409

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution
Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulation 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.

The University of South Florida has requested Limited Access status for the newly implemented Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design due to limitations in workspace and faculty mentor time available to students. There are currently three Graphic Design faculty on staff. The degree program proposal states that the university intends to hire one more faculty in the Fall 2009 semester.

If approval is granted, the Graphic Design program will require submission of a portfolio of previous art work which will then be judged by faculty. The portfolio review committee does not have access to the students university application, therefore does not know the applicant's race, gender, GPA, military service, or FTIC/AA transfer status. This ensures that every student has the same opportunity for entry to the program.

The University of Florida and Florida State University have both designated their Graphic Design programs as limited access. If approved, USF plans to implement Limited Access Status effective immediately.

Supporting Documentation Included: Limited Access Request

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