BOARD OF GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA January 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Action to Repeal Board of Governors Regulation 6.022 – Veterans' Benefits – Inmate Students

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Repeal Regulation 6.022.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulation 6.022 prohibits a university from certifying an incarcerated veteran student for Veterans' Administration (VA) education benefits when the cost of the program is fully funded by the state. Federal regulations do not permit incarcerated veterans to be certified for more than tuition and fees, which would be zero dollars if the student's educational program is fully funded by the state. Certification of veteran students is monitored by the VA and by the state approving agency for veterans' education housed within the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. For this reason the regulation is unnecessary.

This regulation has been reviewed by the VA Senior Education Liaison Representative for Florida, the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, and university academic and student affairs staff.

Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its March 23, 2006 meeting, the Board was required to provide public notice by publication on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before adoption of the proposed regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 6.022 Veterans' Benefits – Inmate Students included in November 2008 Board meeting materials: <u>http://www.flbog.org/pressroom/meeting_agenda.php?id=11</u>

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