

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee  
September 24, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Exception to 120 Hours to Degree for Florida Atlantic University  
Bachelor's of Music with an Emphasis in Music Business

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider request for the Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Music Business (CIP 50.0909) at Florida Atlantic University to be 132-137 hours to degree

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution; BOG Regulation 8.014

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Regulation 6C-8.014, approved by the Board of Governors on March 29, 2007, states that baccalaureate degree programs must be no more than 120 credit hours to degree unless an exception is approved by the Board of Governors. Historically, this exception has been approved for those programs that require additional coursework to meet specialized accreditation standards or pre-licensing content requirements.

The Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Board of Trustees has requested that the Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Music Business, a stand-alone degree program in the FAU Department of Music, be approved to be 132-137 credit hours to degree, varying by program track. This request has been made in large part to accommodate a shift in the credit hours assigned to the required Commercial Music Forum. The Commercial Music Forum requires students to work for eight semesters for the Department's record label, Hoot/Wisdom Recordings, L.L.C. The Commercial Music Forum was a noncredit learning experience until April 24, 2009, when the University Faculty Senate approved the Department's petition to make it a college credit course for each semester it is required. If approved by the Board of Governors, the exemption will be in effect in Fall 2009.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** FAU Request & Board of Trustees Agenda Item

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