

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

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 -
Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve public notice of intent to amend Regulation 6.017 for publication on the Board of Governors Web site pursuant to the Board's regulation development procedure.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On August 6, 2009, the Board of Governors (BOG) approved initial revisions to BOG Regulation 6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree, which became necessary when the 2009 Legislature repealed section 1008.29, Florida Statutes, relating to the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) and eliminated funding for the test. New language in section 1007.25, F.S., required that the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Board of Governors, establish minimum scores on nationally standardized examinations and college courses that could be used to demonstrate the required college level academic skills. Colleges and universities were prohibited from awarding an associate's or baccalaureate degree to students who did not meet established criteria. At the August 6th meeting, the BOG acknowledged that it would need to revisit the regulation once recommendations were received from the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC), but interim action was needed to align BOG regulations with statutory requirements.

On August 13, 2009, the Articulating Coordination Committee (ACC) reviewed options for standardized tests and college courses that might be used to demonstrate the required skills, and the ACC has submitted recommendations to the Office of the Board of Governors. Further clarification was approved by the ACC on August 28, 2009.

The recommendations from the ACC were incorporated into a revised draft BOG regulation. University representatives have been provided the opportunity for review and comment. This revised regulation captures the recommendations received from the Articulation Coordinating Committee and appropriate recommendations from university representatives.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft Regulation 6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degrees

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