

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
August 6, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve Amendment of Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Revisions to BOG Regulation 6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree have been necessitated by action of the 2009 Legislature which repealed section 1008.29, Florida Statutes, relating to the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) and eliminated funding for the test.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. now requires that the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Board of Governors, establish minimum scores on nationally standardized examinations and college courses that can be used to demonstrate the required college level academic skills. Colleges and universities are prohibited from awarding an associate's or baccalaureate degree to students who do not meet established criteria. The Articulating Coordination Committee (ACC) will be reviewing options for standardized tests and college courses that can be used to demonstrate the required skills, and may make further recommendations to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education. If so, the Board will have an opportunity to address this regulation again.

Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its March 23, 2006 meeting, the Board provided public notice by publication on its Internet Web site before considering adoption of the proposed regulation.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Draft Regulation 6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree included in the June 2009 Board meeting materials:  
[http://www.flbog.edu/documents\\_meetings/0094\\_0201\\_1912\\_419%20SPASOC%203G2\\_2009-06-18%206%20017%20Criteria%20Bacc%20Degree%20Reg%20\(clast%20in%20reg\).doc](http://www.flbog.edu/documents_meetings/0094_0201_1912_419%20SPASOC%203G2_2009-06-18%206%20017%20Criteria%20Bacc%20Degree%20Reg%20(clast%20in%20reg).doc)