

## **FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

September 15, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Approval for University of West Florida Engineering Programs to Exceed 120 Credit Hours

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve University of West Florida Engineering Programs to Exceed 120 Credit Hours

### **AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

As required per 1001.02, Florida Statute, and by the authority granted the Board of Governors under the Florida Constitution, the University of West Florida is seeking approval for baccalaureate engineering programs to exceed 120 semester credit hours in length. All engineering degrees in the State University System range from 126 to 134 semester hours in order to complete the academic requirements set by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology.

In 1994 the Board of Regents approved a cooperative baccalaureate degree in electrical engineering between the University of West Florida and the University of Florida. The program was approved to expand to include an option in computer engineering in 1998. Since that time, enrollments have increased sufficiently for UWF to consider assuming full responsibility for the programs. As the first step towards phasing out the cooperative degree programs, the UWF Board of Trustees approved the implementation of a B.S. in Electrical Engineering (CIP 14.1001) and B.S. in Computer Engineering (14.0901) at its June 16, 2005 meeting. Both degree programs are currently approved at 129 credit hours for UF, and will remain the same length as UWF programs. The first students to enter under the UWF degree programs will do so in Fall 2005. The last semester for which UF will award the degrees will be Fall 2008.

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### **Supporting Documentation Included:**

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