

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
Academic Programs Team  
May 13, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Ph.D in Sport Management at Florida State University

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider request for approval of the Ph.D. in Sport Management at Florida State University, CIP Code 31.0504

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida State University (FSU) is seeking to elevate the existing Sport Management specialization in the Ph.D. in Physical Education program to a standalone degree program. The program will require 80 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. Funding will be reallocated from the physical education program, and expenses will be minimal as the program continues to utilize faculty and facilities currently used for the specialization. Benefits anticipated by the University include increased availability of sport management faculty and recognition of Florida State University as having one of the premier sport management programs in North America.

This program proposal was provided for review by the Academic Subcommittee of FSU Board of Trustees on May 5, 2009, and will be considered for approval by the FSU Board of Trustees at their June 17 and 18, 2009 meeting. Due to the shortened timeline for implementation, FSU has asked that the Board of Governors consider a parallel approval process for this program. If approved by the Board of Governors, students will become officially admitted beginning Fall 2009.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Staff Analysis  
Proposal

**Facilitators / Presenters:** Governor J. Stanley Marshall  
FSU Representatives