

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee**  
June 18, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Revised Classification of Doctorate Programs on Academic Program Inventory

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider an Administrative Split of Research and Professional Doctorate Programs on the Academic Programs Inventory for the Purpose of Data Reporting

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution; 1007.25(8) F. S.; Regulation 6C-8.014

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has revised Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) reporting requirements for first-professional degree and doctoral programs beginning in 2009. The change in NCES reporting requirements will necessitate changing the data fields in the State University System Academic Degree Programs Inventory to reflect new program categories.

Following the NCES guidelines, it is proposed that each university be responsible for the classification of its own doctorates into the approved IPEDS categories. In most cases this will only mean choosing one data field over another for each degree currently approved. To ease the transition, it is requested that the Board of Governors allow a one-time administrative change by staff to the SUS Academic Degree Programs Inventory so that degree programs offering both a research and professional track in the same Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code (such as a research-oriented Ph.D. in Business and a practitioner oriented D.B.A.) can be differentiated with a separate data field. In some cases, there may be justification for moving either the professional or research degree program into a different CIP Code on the degree inventory. This activity may result in a net gain of doctorate programs on the Inventory, but will not result in any actual new programs being implemented by the universities.

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**Documentation Included:** Explanation of NCES Requirements

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