

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
June 18, 2009**

SUBJECT: Ph.D in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider for Approval the Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Florida,
CIP Code 30.1901

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida (UF) is seeking to elevate the existing Nutritional Sciences concentration in the Ph.D. in Food Science and Human Nutrition (FSHN) program to a standalone degree program. The program will require 90 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree. Funding will be reallocated from the FSHN program, and expenses will be minimal as the program continues to utilize faculty and facilities currently used for the concentration. The University anticipates an enhanced likelihood of acquiring training grant support because of the interdisciplinary breadth and depth of faculty expertise. A copy of the degree proposal is available online at http://www.flbog.org/pressroom/meeting_items.php?id=91&agenda=192.

This proposal was reviewed by members of the Academic Programs Team during their May 13, 2009 conference call. The program was approved by the UF Board of Trustees at their June 15, 2007 meeting. If approved by the Board of Governors, students will be admitted beginning Fall 2009.

Supporting Documentation Included: (Staff Analysis is found behind Strategic Planning Committee tab)

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