

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**

June 18, 2009

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 -
Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve public notice of intent to amend Regulation 6.017 for publication on the Board of Governors Web site pursuant to the Board's regulation development procedure.

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6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree have been necessitated by action of the 2009 Legislature which repealed section 1008.29, Florida Statutes, relating to the College Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) and eliminated funding for the test.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 of an associates or baccalaureate degree to students who do not meet established criteria. This draft regulation serves as a starting point for developing new state-level policies that ensure students are achieving college level academic skills by adopting relevant requirements in existing State Board of Education rule, and in various state university policies and regulations.

Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its March 23, 2006 meeting, the Board is required to provide public notice by publication on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before adoption of the proposed regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included: (Draft Regulation 6.017 is behind Strategic Planning Committee tab)

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