

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
June 20, 2013**

**SUBJECT:** Ph.D. in Integrative Biology, CIP 26.1399, University of South Florida

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Integrative Biology at the University of South Florida, CIP Code 26.1399.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

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

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of South Florida (USF) is proposing to offer a Ph.D. degree program in Integrative Biology. The new Ph.D. program represents a final step at the graduate level to formally reorganize the former Department of Biology into two distinct departments, with the proposed program operating within the Department of Integrative Biology. The resources to support the program already exist as a result of the currently offered concentration in Integrative Biology within the Ph.D. in Biology program. The resources to support the two programs are already established and no new funding is requested. Graduates will be prepared to work in academic positions in the Biological Sciences discipline, for government agencies, or in private biological research companies.

The doctoral program will require 90 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree and 24 dissertation research hours for completion. The proposal includes a report expressing support for the program from external consultants. Letters of support are also provided in the proposal from the University of Florida and Florida International University confirming lack of duplication and expressing interest in collaboration.

The USF Board of Trustees approved the program on March 21, 2013. If approved by the Board of Governors, USF will implement the program in Fall 2013 and the existing program in General Biology (CIP 26.0101) will be terminated from the State University System Inventory.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Staff Analysis  
(Full proposal online at [www.flbog.edu](http://www.flbog.edu))

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

USF Representatives