

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

June 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology, CIP 26.0406, University of South Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of South Florida, CIP Code 26.0406.

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) proposes to offer a Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology. The proposal to offer the Ph.D. in Cell and Molecular Biology represents a final step at the graduate level to formally reorganize the former Department of Biology into two distinct departments; the proposed program itself operating within USF's Department of Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology. The resources to support the program already exist as a result of the currently offered concentration in Cell and Molecular Biology within the Ph.D. in Biology program. As a result, no new funding is requested. Graduates will be prepared for employment in bioscience fields within higher education, government, and industry.

The doctoral program will require 90 credit hours beyond the baccalaureate degree, which includes 38 dissertation research hours for completion. Documentation is provided in the university's proposal expressing support for the program from an external consultant. A letter of support from the University of Florida states that the proposed program will not increase duplication or overlap with their doctoral programs in the discipline.

The USF Board of Trustees approved the program on March 21, 2013. If the proposal is approved by the Board of Governors, USF will implement the program in Fall 2013.

Supporting Documentation Included: Materials are in Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Packet