

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

June 20, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Ph.D. in Integrative Biology, CIP 26.1399, and Termination of CIP 26.0101,  
University of South Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD 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 PhD program is a result of the reorganization of the Department of Biology in 2009. Described as a reflection of the enormity of the biological sciences and the different research perspectives of faculty, the separation created two new departments with separate PhD programs - Integrative Biology (IB) and Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology (CMMB). A goal of the reorganization was to create two new doctoral degrees that would better serve the needs of the State and the students by supporting a greater focus in research. The resources to support the two programs are already established in the Department of Biology 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. Documentation is provided in the university's proposal expressing support for the program from external consultants. Letters of support from the University of Florida and Florida International University confirm the lack of duplication and express interest in collaboration.

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 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:** Materials are in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Packet