

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

June 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Computer Science at the University of Florida, CIP Code 11.0101

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Ph.D. in Computer Science at the University of Florida, CIP Code 11.0101.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of Florida (UF) is proposing to offer a Ph.D. in Computer Science. The new program is intended to serve as an alternative to the already existing Ph.D. in Computer Engineering and will require the completion of 90 credit hours beyond a bachelor's degree. It is expected that two thirds of the current students in Computer Engineering will transfer into the new program because it better fits their career goals.

The proposed UF doctoral program in Computer Science would be the fifth program to be offered by a public university in the state of Florida in the same CIP code (11.0101). The other doctoral programs in Computer Science are offered by Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Florida State University and the University of Central Florida. The program pre-proposal was presented to the Council of Academic Vice Presidents Academic Coordination Workgroup on February 7, 2014 and no university representative voiced concerns in regards to its development and implementation.

The UF Board of Trustees approved the program on June 6, 2014. If approved by the Board of Governors, the program will be implemented in Fall 2015.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials