

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

June 23, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice to Amend Regulation 8.012 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of Public Notice to Amend Regulation 8.012 Academic Program Termination and Temporary Suspension of New Enrollments

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board of Governors Regulation 8.012 establishes the criteria and process for termination of existing degree programs. It is being amended to clarify the termination process and also include suspension of new enrollments in existing degree programs. This will better differentiate between two actions which are frequently misunderstood or confused with each other. The proposed amendments to this regulation will:

1. Include a new criterion that program termination may be due to faculty or other resources no longer being sufficient to deliver a high-quality program;
2. Require that Florida College System institutions be notified when a baccalaureate program is being considered for termination;
3. Clarify that terminations must be approved prior to the effective term date (no retroactive terminations); and
4. Provide criteria and process for temporary suspension of new enrollments in an existing academic program.

Preliminary regulation amendments were reviewed by the university General Counsels, Council of Academic Vice Presidents, Council of Student Affairs, SUS health center directors, and other state university staff. Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its meeting on March 23, 2006, 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.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials