

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

June 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 8.014 Bachelors' Degree
Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirements

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 8.014 Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirements

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes, require that baccalaureate degrees not exceed 120 credit hours in length unless approved to do so by the Board of Governors. Regulation 8.014 establishes the criteria and process for approval of baccalaureate degree programs to exceed the statutory limit. The proposed amendments to this regulation will:

1. Clarify that exception applies to the degree program and all of its majors as defined by Regulation 8.011;
2. Establish a process for identifying approved exceptions in the State University System Academic Degree Program Inventory;
3. Provide flexibility for universities to make incremental adjustments when necessary to a credit hour length previously approved; and
4. Authorize the Chancellor to establish an administrative process to review university requests for incremental adjustments.

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.

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