

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION**

DATE: November 9, 2022

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 3.006, Accreditation

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 7044 from the 2022 Legislative Session created section 1008.47, Florida Statutes. The law requires each institution to establish and maintain institutional accreditation with an agency or association recognized by the database created and maintained by the United States Department of Education. The proposed amendment to the Board regulation will align regulatory language with the new statutory requirement.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

General Counsel, Board of Governors, State University System, 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 245-0466 (phone), (850) 245-9685 (fax), or generalcounsel@flbog.edu.

3.006 Accreditation.

- (1) Each university board of trustees shall develop policies on accreditation that are consistent with the ~~mission of the institution~~ institution's mission and Board of Governors' guidelines.
- (2) ~~Regional Institutional Accreditation~~
 - (a) ~~Consistent with section 1008.47, Florida Statutes, e~~Each institution shall seek and take action to establish and maintain regional institutional accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) an agency or association recognized by the United States Department of Education.
 - (b) Each president shall ~~immediately~~ inform the Chancellor within ten business days upon verbal or written notification of any concern, visit-scheduled visit, or any action taken by ~~SACSCOC~~ the institution's accrediting agency or association related to the institution's compliance certification or interim report.
 - (c) Each institution shall provide a copy of the certification letter for initial accreditation or accreditation reaffirmation to the Board of Governors immediately upon receipt from ~~SACSCOC~~ the accrediting agency or association.
 - (d) Upon request, an institution shall provide the ~~Office of the Board of Governors'~~ office with a copy of any institution's response to SACSCOC its accrediting agency or association.
- (3) Discipline-Specific Accreditation
 - (a) Each institution is encouraged to seek and take action to maintain national or discipline-specific accreditation for its colleges, schools, and academic programs for which there are established standards for programmatic accreditation.
 - (b) Discipline-specific accreditation is required for academic programs in which graduation from an accredited program is a prerequisite to achieving licensure or certification for professional practice.
 - (c) Each institution must provide ~~immediate~~ notification to the ~~Office of the Board of Governors~~ university board of trustees and the Chancellor within ten business days when an accredited academic program is placed on warning or probation, or when the accreditation status is revoked by a discipline-specific accrediting body. The notification must include a report of any adverse accreditation findings provided by the discipline-specific accrediting body that outlines the basis for the change in accreditation status.
- (4) ~~Each institution shall submit annually the State University System Accreditation Survey to the Office of the Board of Governors.~~

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const. Section 1008.47, Florida Statutes; History—Formerly 6C-2.57 and 6C-3.06, 11-18-70, 12-17-74, 8-11-85, Amended and Renumbered 1-29-09, Amended 1-22-15-, XX-XX-22.