

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.015, Academic Program Review

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.015, Academic Program Review.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.015, Academic Program Review, requires institutions to review academic degree programs at least once every seven years to assess how programs are achieving student learning outcomes and program objectives within the context of the university's mission. Universities use the results of these reviews to inform strategic planning, program development, and budgeting decisions. After each program review, institutions must submit a summary report to the Board office.

The regulation requires that all programs receive a sufficient review with appropriate input from external experts. The proposed amendment specifies that the summary of the recommendations, made as a result of the review, identifies areas in which the program goals and objectives are not being met, students are not achieving learning outcomes, and resources are insufficient to achieve program goals/objectives. The amendment also requires institutions to include the organization or university affiliation of experts providing input on academic program reviews in all summary reports.

Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions, requires institutions to review specialized admissions programs annually to determine if each program's status is still warranted. The amendment to Regulation 8.015 removes the requirement for universities to assess a program's limited access status as part of the program review. Additionally, the regulation allows the use of specialized accreditation or reaccreditation reviews instead of academic program reviews.

The Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.015, Academic Program Review, at its November 9, 2022, meeting. Following the approval of the public notice of intent, no public comments were received, and the amended regulation is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.015, Academic Program Review