

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement, authorizes the Board of Governors to approve a request by a university board of trustees for a bachelor's degree program to exceed 120 credit hours to complete a degree, which aligns with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. Once a degree program has been approved to exceed 120 credit hours, the regulation authorizes universities to make incremental adjustments to the credit hour length of the degree program without seeking additional Board approval, which does not align with section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. Additionally, for baccalaureate programs approved to exceed 120 credit hours, Regulation 8.014 requires Board of Governors approval for degree programs to reduce the number of credit hours or revert to 120 credit hours.

Board staff propose amending Regulation 8.014 to require Board approval not only for a bachelor's degree to exceed 120 credit hours but also for any incremental adjustments to the credit hour length of a degree program increase in credit hours beyond what the Board has approved.

The proposed amendment also delegates the authority to the university board of trustees for any bachelor's degree programs approved to exceed 120 credit hours to reduce the credit hours to a degree or revert to 120 credit hours.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days. If no concerns are raised, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives & Economic Development, will provide an overview of the proposed amendment to the regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.014, Bachelors'
Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit
Hours Requirement

Facilitators/Presenters:

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