Regulation 8.011
Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs & Other Curricular Offerings

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Overview

Current Regulation

- Outlines definitions, criteria, & process for new academic program approval

- Ensures that new programs are high quality & aligned with the Board of Governors' strategic plan

Need for the Amendment

University feedback for improving efficiency	Pathway to approve academic programs with a longer implementation timeline	Reorganization of the approval process
• Required to include programs 3 years out in university accountability plans • Changes require re-approval of accountability plan	• No pathway for programs that require legislative requests & new facilities • Example: FAU Dental	• Steps were scattered in Regulations 8.011 & 8.004 • Process not clearly outlined in one place

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Outline of Proposed Changes
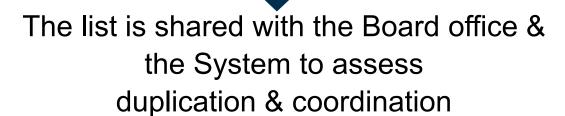
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Proposed Change

Improving Efficiency

- Universities must include proposed programs for the next 3 years their accountability plans

- Any changes to the list requires re-approval of the accountability plan

Boards of trustees review the list of proposed programs for the upcoming academic year

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The list is shared with the Board office & the System to assess duplication & coordination

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Universities can make changes to the list during the academic year

☑ Increases **efficiency & flexibility** in proposing new academic programs to meet workforce demands

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Programs with Longer Implementation Timelines

- No process for universities to initiate programs from scratch (no existing resources or infrastructure)

- Outlines the process for new degree proposals that need additional time for implementation

- Allows the Board to require regular updates to monitor the progress on the conditions of approval

☑ Allows a path for universities to develop new programs that **need a longer implementation timeline**

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	Current	**Proposed Change**
Reorganization	• 2 regulations include steps in the academic program approval process • Steps in the process are not laid out in a logical order	• Consolidates Regulations 8.004 & 8.011 • Reorganizes & streamlines information to clearly identify the steps in the process • Changes name to "Academic Degree Program Coordination & Approval"

☑ **Reorganizes & simplifies** the approval process for new academic programs

☑ Merges 2 regulations that cover similar topics

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