

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

DATE: March 27, 2024

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 2.002, University Accountability Plans

SUMMARY:

Board of Governors Regulation 2.002, University Accountability Plans, outlines the criteria for submission of annual university accountability plans designed to inform strategic planning, budgeting, and other policy decisions for the State University System. Regulation 2.002 currently requires institutions to list new academic degree program proposals the university plans to submit to its board of trustees within the next three years.

Board staff propose an amendment to remove the requirement to list anticipated new academic degree programs in the university accountability plans each year. This proposed amendment is to align Regulation 2.002 with the proposed amendment to Regulation 8.011, Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs and Other Curricular Offerings, that the Board approved for public notice of intent at its January 2024 meeting. It is anticipated that Regulation 8.011 will go before the Board for final approval in March, and the amended version requires institutions to report the anticipated list of new academic degree program proposals to the Board office every year. Removing the list from the university accountability plans allows universities more flexibility to implement new academic degree programs to address workforce needs.

In addition, the proposed amendment to Regulation 2.002 removes narrative requirements of the plan that are duplicative.

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: Emily Sikes, Interim Vice Chancellor

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:

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2.002 University Accountability Plans

(1) The Board of Governors shall institute a planning and performance monitoring system that includes university submissions of annual accountability plans designed to inform strategic planning, budgeting, and other policy decisions for the State University System.

(2) Each university's accountability plan shall reflect the institution's distinctive mission and focus on core institutional strengths within the context of State University System goals and regional and statewide needs.

(3) Each board of trustees shall prepare an accountability plan and submit updates on an annual basis for consideration by the Board of Governors. The accountability plan shall outline the university's top priorities, strategic directions, and specific actions for achieving those priorities, as well as progress towards previously approved institutional and System-wide goals.

(4) Each university's accountability plan shall include the following:

- (a) The university's mission and vision statements statement of strategy;
- ~~(b) Narrative describing the university's strengths, opportunities, challenges, and the university's top three key initiatives for the next three years;~~
- (c) Key achievements by students, faculty, academic programs, and research during the previous year;
- (d) Data reflecting institutional performance and projections of future performance on key indicators that support the State University System strategic plan goals, as identified by the Board of Governors;
- (e) University-identified, optional, metric goals designed to demonstrate the university's distinctive mission, as identified in its strategic plan;
- (f) Actual and planned headcount and FTE enrollment data;
- ~~(g) A listing of new academic degree program proposals that the university plans to submit to its board of trustees within the next three years;~~
- (h) Information on the effectiveness of its plan for improving four-year graduation rates and the level of financial assistance provided to students pursuant to section 1001.706(5)(h), Florida Statutes;
- (i) A specific endorsement of the Board's Statement of Free Expression and a clear expectation for open-minded and tolerant civil discourse through the university; and
- (j) Any other specific planning information requested by the Board of Governors in advance of the submission deadline.

(5) The Chancellor shall provide universities with submission deadlines as well as with content and format specifications for the accountability plans.

(6) The Board of Governors shall annually submit the university accountability plans and the System summary of the university plans to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; Sections 1001.706 and 1008.46, Florida Statutes. History: New 11-12-2009, Amended 11-08-2018, 6-23-2020, 8-26-2022, XX-XX-XXXX.