FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION REPEAL

DATE: June 25, 2009

REGULATION NUMBER and TITLE: 6.015 Student Records and Reports

SUMMARY: BOG Regulation 6.015 is being repealed because state universities must comply with the federal requirements of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The FERPA is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and ensures student access to education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. The Board is repealing this regulation to prevent inconsistencies with the federal law.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

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

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING REPEAL OF THE REGULATION: Jon Rogers, Director, Academic and Student Affairs

COMMENTS REGARDING THE REPEAL OF THE REGULATION(S) SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation(s) 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 <u>generalcounsel@flbog.edu</u>.

6.015 Student Records and Reports.

(1) Each university shall maintain records and reports of students in all programs conducted by each university under the authority of the Board.

(2) The president of each university shall designate custodians of student records and reports. The term "records" and "reports" mean those records, files, documents and other materials as defined in Section 228.093(2)(a), Florida Statutes, which contain information directly accessible to other professional personnel for purposes of this rule.

(3) Each university shall adopt rules for student records and reports which shall include the right of waiver of access, right to challenge and hearing, right of privacy, directory information, transfer of records and security of records. The rules shall also provide for annual notification of parents and students regarding rights relating to student records and reports and regarding the location and availability of university's rules on student records and reports as outlined in Section 228.093(4), Florida Statutes.

(4) Provisions shall be made by each university for permitting the student or the parent or guardian of dependent students as defined in Title 26 U.S.C. Section 152 (Section 152 of Internal Revenue Code of 1954) who is or has been in attendance in the university to inspect and review the student records and reports.

(a) Requests for student lists and for access to student records and reports or for copies or explanation thereof pursuant to Section 228.093, F.S., shall be presented in writing on a form specified by the university.

(b) Access to any report or record requested under Section 228.093(3)(a)2., F.S. will be granted within 30 days after receipt of the request by the institution.

(5) Student records and reports shall be open to inspection only as provided in Section 228.093, Florida Statutes, or upon the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Authority: Section 7(d) Art. IX, Fla. Const., History--Formerly 6C-2.67, 6-25-73, Amended and Renumbered 12-17-74, Amended 5-27-75, 5-9-79, 8-11-85, Formerly 6C-6.15.