

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 19, 2012**

SUBJECT: Amended Board of Governors Regulation 8.016, Academic Learning
Compacts

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider for approval amended Board of Governors Regulation 8.016, Academic Learning Compacts.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Proposed amendments to Board Regulation 8.016 clarify the process related to student learning outcomes assessment. As such, the title of the regulation has been changed from "Academic Learning Compacts" to "Student Learning Outcomes Assessment."

Board Regulation 8.016 requires each university board of trustees to establish a process for certifying student learning outcomes. Each university must develop processes for (1) Academic Learning Compacts (ALCs), (2) related assessment mechanisms, (3) program evaluation, and (4) continuous improvement. In addition, each ALC must be posted on the university's Web site. Each university also must provide a hard copy or electronic version of the university-wide regulation or policy and related procedures regarding student learning outcomes assessment. Universities must submit periodic status reports on student learning outcomes assessment to the Board office.

During the November 2011 Board of Governors meeting, a request was made that language be added regarding potential earnings and job placement rates of program graduates. Pursuant to the Board's Regulation Development Procedure, Regulation 8.016, including new draft language related to potential earnings and job placement rates of program graduates, was posted on the Board's Web site for public comment. During the comment period, several universities proposed that, instead, such language be included in a Board regulation related to program outcomes such as Regulation 8.015 Academic Program Review 2007-2014, scheduled for review in 2012. Consequently, the language related to potential earnings and job placement rates has not been added to Regulation 8.016, and the regulation is submitted for final consideration and action.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Regulation 8.016