STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS June 21, 2012

SUBJECT: Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Science in Biology, Major in Medical Laboratory Science, at the University of North Florida

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Science in Biology, Major in Medical Laboratory Science, at the University of North Florida, CIP Code 26.0101.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The University of North Florida requests Limited Access status for the major in Medical Laboratory Science under the Bachelor of Science in Biology. This action is requested because of limited instructional facilities for the clinical experience required for completion of the program and licensure. The program major has been created to fulfill a partnership agreement with local hospitals that will provide clinical facilities for instruction. Proposed minimum admission standards into the program are a minimum 2.75 GPA, a minimum C grade in prerequisite courses, a personal statement, and a group interview. These requirements will not affect the ability of Florida College System associate of arts degree program graduates to compete for program space.

The limited access status will apply only to the Medical Laboratory Science major under the B.S. in Biology. The University intends to convert the major into a stand-alone degree program next year and limited access status will then apply to the new program.

If approved, UNF plans to implement Limited Access Status, effective fall 2012.