

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
March 21, 2012**

SUBJECT: Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Social Work at Florida State University

PROPOSED BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Consider Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Social Work at Florida State University, CIP Code 44.0701

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida State University requests limited access status for the Bachelor of Social Work (CIP 44.0701). As a professional preparation program, students are required to complete an internship to graduate, and those with less than a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) are generally not competitive for acceptance into the limited number of internships. The rationale for limited access is that a higher GPA for admission and a reduced number of students in the major will promote student success in the program and better align enrollments with the number of available internships. This would also reduce the number of students who incur excess hours by changing majors when they are unable to secure an internship.

New admission requirements would be a college GPA of 2.5 or better, the completion of common prerequisite courses with a B- or better with no more than two attempts, and the fulfillment of Liberal Studies requirements. Requirements for Associate in Arts transfer students will be phased in over a two year period to ensure a smooth transition and not disadvantage students already in the pipeline.

The Board of Governors Academic and Student Affairs Committee approved the request on January 8, 2012 for consideration by the full board. If approved, Limited Access status will be implemented Fall Term, 2012.

Supporting Documentation Included: University Request

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