

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
November 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Organizing the System for Success: Regulation 8.004 – Academic Program Coordination

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Regulation 8.004 – Academic Program Coordination

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Over the past several months, the Board and its Committees have had discussions focusing on better organizing and coordinating efforts within the System. In order to facilitate collaboration, articulation, and coordination of program delivery across the System, this proposed regulation:

- Requires a cyclical review of current academic programs at all levels, as well as those planned for addition or termination; and
- Establishes a process for all universities to use when they wish to offer academic programs, or substantial parts of programs, away from their main or additional campuses.

The regulation addresses college-credit degree or certification programs, not research or non-college credit courses or programs.

In drafting this regulation, Board staff solicited input from the university general counsels, members of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, and university academic contacts. The proposed regulation was noticed at the June 2011 Board meeting to begin the process of obtaining public input. To address questions and concerns expressed by some university representatives during the Strategic Planning Committee meeting in June, Chair Parker created a workgroup consisting of three Board members and four university representatives. The charge to Governor Martin was to bring back to the Committee recommendations for addressing the issues discussed by the

Workgroup.

The Workgroup discussed the issues in Tallahassee on Monday, August 22, and Governor Martin's recommendations were presented to the Strategic Planning Committee at its August 26, 2011, meeting. The Committee accepted the edits and recommended that the Board re-notice the proposed regulation at its September meeting. The Board approved re-noticing it.

Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its meeting on March 23, 2006, the Board is required to provide public notice by publication on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before adoption of the proposed regulation. Based on comments made during the public notice period, technical edits have been made to clarify language in the proposed regulation. The Board's General Counsel has determined that re-noticing again is not necessary; the edits are technical, not substantive.

When the final regulation is approved, Board staff will coordinate the development of an inventory of programs offered at locations other than main and additional campuses, as well as the development of a list of agriculture and agriculture-related programs, and other programs as needed, that will be used to expedite the Chancellor's approval process.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Regulation: 8.004 – Academic Program Coordination

Facilitators/Presenters: Governor Frank T. Martin