

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
September 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Organizing the System for Success: Approve Regulation 8.002 - Continuing Education

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

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AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.002 - Continuing Education was promulgated in parts from 1970 through 1993 under the governance of the Board of Regents (BOR). As the nature of continuing education continued to change after 1993, and as the governance structure of the State University System changed in subsequent years, the BOR rule was not updated and some of its provisions have become obsolete. This situation has caused some confusion with regard to authority for administering continuing education.

The proposed amendment eliminates the obsolete provisions and puts into place clear expectations for administering and reporting continuing education activity within the State University System.

In drafting this regulation, Board staff solicited input from the university general counsels, members of the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, academic contacts, and other state university staff. The proposed regulation was noticed at the June 2011 Board meeting, along with the proposed Academic Program Coordination regulation and the Educational Sites regulation, to begin the process of obtaining public input. To address questions and concerns expressed by some university representatives regarding the proposed regulations 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 one technical edit to the noticed Continuing Education regulation and recommended that the Board approve the proposed regulation at its September meeting.