

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

SUBJECT: Board of Governors Regulation 6.017, Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Board of Governors Regulation 6.017, relating to Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposed amendment to the Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 will align with action taken by the 2011 Florida Legislature in Section 8 of CS/HB 7151. This legislative action deleted the requirement that undergraduate students achieve certain minimum scores on a nationally standardized examination or a grade point average in specified postsecondary coursework prior to graduation.

The elimination of this particular requirement does not remove the statutory expectation that there will be certain “college-level communication and mathematics skills associated with successful student performance through the baccalaureate level” (Section 15 of CS/HB 7151). Additionally, Section 16 requires the State Board of Education, in conjunction with the Board of Governors, to establish an articulation accountability process that will address the “relationship between student attainment of college-level academic skills and articulation to the upper division in public postsecondary institutions.” Recommendations regarding these requirements will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

The proposed amendment was developed in conjunction with university staff. The regulation was approved for notice purposes by the Board on June 23, 2011. No comments were received during the notice period. No adverse impact has been identified by adoption of this regulation amendment.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Regulation 6.017

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