

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
June 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate Board of Governors Regulation
8.004 - Academic Program Coordination

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Approve Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate Board of Governors Regulation 8.004 -
Academic Program Coordination

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, 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;
- Establishes economic development regions, designating each university, or team of universities, as having lead responsibility for working with their community partners to identify specific unmet higher education needs and student demand in their regions, and to coordinate any viable options to offer the needed academic programs in a cost-effective manner. The regions reflect those established by Enterprise Florida; and
- Provides a process for all universities to use when they wish to go into other regions to meet identified needs. The process is established to ensure communication and coordination of academic program offerings across the state.

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. 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.

Supporting Documentation Included: Provided under Committee tab

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