

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

June 23, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.009 -  
Educational Sites

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Approve Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.009 -  
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**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At its June 2010 meeting, the Strategic Planning Committee approved a set of principles to guide the development of State University System policies related to educational sites. The Board's current policies regarding educational sites are assumed to be reflected in Board Regulation 8.009, Definition and Process for Establishing Educational Sites. However, this regulation was initially a rule of the former Board of Regents and, as such, does not reflect the new governance structure of the State University System and does not delineate the planning and approval processes the Board expects of itself and the individual university boards of trustees.

The proposed updates to the regulation address identified gaps by:

- Establishing an updated typology for system structure planning and data reporting;
- Providing a role for the boards of trustees;
- Clarifying approval processes;
- Requiring Board approval prior to branch campuses seeking separate accreditation;
- Providing flexibility for universities to offer lower-level courses on branch campuses, while respecting the partnerships with institutions in the Florida College 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. 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.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Provided under Committee tab

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