

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
January 20, 2011**

**SUBJECT:** University of Florida Proposal to Offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider Proposal for the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Public Health at the University of Florida, CIP Code 51.2201

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution  
Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of Florida (UF) is proposing to offer a Ph.D. in Public Health (CIP 51.2201) with initial concentrations in two areas: Environmental and Global Health, and Social and Behavioral Changes. The proposal states that these two areas draw directly from the strengths of the University to create broader interdepartmental and interdisciplinary collaborations. The new doctoral program at UF will consist of 90 post-baccalaureate credit hours and a research dissertation.

Since the initial submission of the proposal, further discussions have taken place with representatives from other public health doctoral programs in the state universities, and letters of support have been provided. Specific conversations have taken place between UF and FAMU with regard to any potential negative impact of the FAMU Doctor of Public Health, which has a more applied focus than the proposed Ph.D. FAMU has indicated that it supports the UF proposal and that discussions have led to plans for future collaboration between the two programs.

The UF Board of Trustees approved the Ph.D. in Public Health in June 11, 2010. If the program is approved by the Board of Governors, implementation is planned for Fall 2011. A copy of the full proposal can be found at: <http://www.flbog.edu/>.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Staff Analysis

**Facilitators / Presenters:** UF Representatives