

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Request for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider Request for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (CIP 14.0501) at the University of Florida to exceed 120 credit hours to degree

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Subsection 1007.25(8), Florida Statutes
Board of Governors Regulation 8.014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.014 requires that any baccalaureate degree exceeding the state mandated 120 credit hours to degree be approved to do so by the university board of trustees and the Board of Governors. The University of Florida (UF) is seeking an exception for its new Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (CIP 14.0501) which is 132 credit hours to degree in order to accommodate the curriculum needed for the discipline and meet Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) accreditation requirements for engineering programs. The increase in credit hours is due to the multi-disciplinary curriculum requirements which call for proficiency in both engineering and a range of knowledge and skills relevant to the biomedical engineering practice. All existing engineering programs in the State University System have been approved to exceed 120 credit hours to degree and the request by the University of Florida is consistent with other engineering programs.

The UF Board of Trustees approved the new degree and the Request to Exceed 120 Credit Hours to Degree program on March 17, 2011. If the request is approved by the Board of Governors, UF will implement the new program Fall 2012.

Supporting Documentation Included:

UF Request

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