

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 9, 2011**

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 -
Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors
Regulation 6.017 - Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

An amendment is being proposed to Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 that will align with action taken by the 2011 Florida Legislature in Section 8 of CS/HB 7151, which 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.

In drafting amendments to the regulation, Board staff solicited input from the university general counsels, university provosts, members of the Council of Student Affairs, state university points of contact, and other 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.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Regulation 6.017

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