

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
July 21, 2020**

SUBJECT: Doctor of Design, CIP 04.0902, Florida International University

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Doctor of Design, CIP 04.0902, at Florida International University.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida International University (FIU) is proposing to establish a professional Doctor of Design degree program. The purpose of the program is to train candidates for key leadership positions in design investigation and in the growing related technology fields. The proposed program is a post-professional degree and will replace the existing Master of Arts in Architecture if it is approved by the Board of Governors. This will be the first doctoral-level program in CIP 04.0902 in the State University System of Florida. The Doctor of Design will be a Program of Strategic Emphasis in STEM. Students will be required to hold a master's degree prior to entering the program. The proposed Doctor of Design degree is a 60 credit-hour degree program with 15 credit hours transferrable from a Master of Architecture degree. The program consists of 33 credit hours of formal coursework, 6 credit hours of independent study, and 21 credit hours of doctoral project coursework. The program will be delivered through a hybrid format requiring students to attend one to two-week residencies each semester throughout the program.

The university will charge the institution's currently approved graduate tuition rate of \$455.64 per credit hour for resident students and \$1,001.69 per credit hour for nonresident students. The tuition amount includes the per credit-hour fees for the proposed program, but it does not reflect the fees charged per semester. The tuition does not include the Intercollegiate Athletics Fee of \$10, Student Health Services Fee of \$93.69, and the Transportation Access Fee of \$95.13, all of which are charged on a per-semester basis. The university does not intend to operate this program through continuing education on a cost-recovery basis, seek approval for market-rate tuition, or establish differentiated graduate-level tuition.

The FIU Board of Trustees approved the program on September 18, 2019. If approved by the Board of Governors, FIU will implement the program effective spring 2021.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this program will be forwarded to the Full Board for consideration.

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Materials