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8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours

Requirement

Board of Governors Regulation 8.014, Bachelors' Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement, authorizes the Board of Governors to approve a request by a university board of trustees for a bachelor's degree program to exceed 120 credit hours to complete a degree, which

120 credit hours, Regulation 8.014 requires Board of Governors approval for degree programs to reduce the number of credit hours or revert to 120 credit hours.

Board staff propose amending Regulation 8.014 to require Board approval not only for a bachelor's degree to exceed 120 credit hours but also for any incremental adjustments to the credit hour length of a degree program increase in credit hours beyond what the Board has approved.

The proposed amendment also delegates the authority to the university board of trustees for any bachelor's degree programs approved to exceed 120 credit hours to reduce the credit hours to a degree or revert to 120 credit hours.

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation
Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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(1) The Board of Governors may approve a ~~request by a~~ university board of trustees request for a bachelor's degree program to exceed 120 credit hours to degree. Programs may be approved for one or more of the following reasons:

- t e (a) Additional courses are required to meet specialized accreditation standards for program content, and such accreditation is expected or required for program graduates to become employed in the profession for which they are being prepared. ~~(e.g. Engineering, Architecture); or~~
- (b) Additional courses are required to meet state or federal-mandated criteria for professional licensing. ~~(e.g., Teacher Education); or~~
- (c) The degree program offers a unique and innovative learning experience, such as honors programs, individualized study, and other non-traditional educational approaches ~~to education~~.

(2) Approval to exceed all majors within the degree program and the number of credit hours required for each major. The highest number of credit hours will be recorded in the State University System Academic Degree

~~(b) Degree programs that revert to 120 credit hours to degree at any time must follow the appropriate process herein to exceed 120 credit hours.~~

(3) Each university board of trustees has the authority to approve a reduction in credit hours for degree programs approved by the Board of Governors to exceed 120 credit hours to degree. The university board of trustees approved reduction in credit hours will be the new total hours to degree. Upon a decrease in credit hours, the university will submit to the Board of Governors' office a notification of reduced credit hours and include the university board of trustees approved credit hours to degree before the start of the effective term.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; Section 1007.25, Florida Statutes; History: - New 3-29-07; Amended 9-22-16-, Amended XX-XX-XX.