

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION

DATE: September 19, 2011

REGULATION NUMBER AND TITLE: 8.004 - Academic Program Coordination

SUMMARY: This proposed regulation requires an annual review of current academic programs at all levels, as well as those planned for addition or termination, and it establishes a process for all universities to use when they wish to offer academic programs, or substantial parts of programs, away from their Main, Type I, Type II, or Type III Campuses. The proposed regulation defines “substantial physical presence,” and provides exceptions to the regulation.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NOTICE.

AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE REGULATION(S): Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REGULATION: Nancy C. McKee, Ph.D., Associate Vice Chancellor

COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

General Counsel, Board of Governors, State University System, 325 W. Gaines Street, Suite 1614, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 245-0466 (phone), (850) 245-9685 (fax), or generalcounsel@fbog.edu.

8.004 Academic Program Coordination

- (1) To facilitate collaboration, articulation, and coordination of academic program delivery across the State University System, the Office of the Board of Governors shall coordinate with the Council of Academic Vice Presidents to conduct an annual review of all current academic degree program offerings, as well as university plans regarding the addition or termination of any degree programs. The review shall be designed to inform both institutional and System-level strategic planning and shall assess:
 - (a) Whether appropriate levels of postsecondary access are provided for students across the State of Florida to enable citizens to pursue degrees in selected fields;
 - (b) Opportunities for the collaborative design and delivery of degree programs utilizing shared resources across multiple State University System institutions;
 - (c) Whether academic program duplications are warranted; and
 - (d) Potential impacts of any proposed academic program closure.
- (2) When a state university desires to offer a college-credit degree or certificate program, or substantial parts of a program, that requires a substantial physical presence, at a location other than an existing Main Campus, Type I Campus, Type II Campus, or Type III Campus, the university shall provide to the Chancellor and the Chair of the Board of Governors a letter of intent to expand program offerings as soon as practicable. Prior to providing a letter of intent, the university may engage in planning activities designed to assess whether the proposed program furthers an educational or workforce need; whether sufficient student demand exists for the proposed program; and whether the proposed program can be implemented within existing university resources or, if not, an assessment of the anticipated cost of the new program and its impact on the university's existing resources.

notification, the university may request reconsideration of its program proposal by the Board's Appeals Committee, which shall consist of the Chair and the Chair of each Board committee. The Board of Governors Appeals Committee will review a university's request for reconsideration and issue a decision within twenty business days.

(c) For the purpose of this regulation, substantial physical presence