

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

SUBJECT: Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences (CIP 26.0102) at Florida International University

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Biomedical Sciences at Florida International University, CIP Code 26.0102.

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 offer a Ph.D. degree program in Basic Biomedical Sciences. The core of the Ph.D. Graduate Program will be composed of the Basic Science Departments in the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM): the Department of Human and Molecular Genetics, the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, the Department of Cellular Biology and Pharmacology and the Department of Immunology. According to the proposal, strong programs in these areas are essential to the development of research-based medical school programs and, thus, will strengthen FIU's new medical school and the overall growth of the college and university.

The total number of credit hours required for completion of the proposed program is 81, and a dissertation is required. The curriculum includes required courses fundamental for understanding biomedical and translational sciences, providing elective courses selected in consultation with the dissertation advisor and the Program Director. Letters of support for the proposed program have been provided by FSU, USF, UF, and UCF who have similar programs associated with their medical schools.

The FIU Board of Trustees approved the program on September 8, 2011. If approved by the Board of Governors, USF will implement the program in Fall 2012.

Supporting Documentation Included: Staff Analysis and Program Proposal

Facilitators/Presenters: FIU Representatives