



# STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM *of* FLORIDA

## Board of Governors

## Academic Program Approval and Termination

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# Academic Approval Items

The Board of Governors considers the following academic program items for approval:

- New degree proposals for doctoral programs (research and professional)
- Termination of doctoral programs (research and professional)
- Substantive revisions to existing doctoral programs
- Exceptions to 120 credit hours to degree for baccalaureate programs
- Limited Access Status for baccalaureate programs



# Academic Approval Items

The Board of Governors has delegated to university boards of trustees the authority to approve the following academic program items:

- Implement or terminate bachelor's, master's, and specialists degrees
- All items coming forward to the Board of Governors for final approval
- Other curricular offerings (majors, concentrations, certificates, etc.)



# New Degree Program Approval

## Board Regulation 8.011, Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs and Other Curricula Offerings - Amended 03/24/11

- Provides definitions for types of academic offerings
- Establishes approval criteria
  - Need and demand - consider economic, workforce, and student interest
  - Controls for unnecessary duplication
  - State-level accountability - addresses state-level goals
  - Institutional readiness - resources available for quality program



# New Degree Program Approval

## Board Regulation 8.011, Authorization of New Academic Degree Programs and Other Curricula Offerings - Amended 03/24/11

- Establishes a two-step process for review and approval
  - University Board of Trustees - implement below doctorate
  - Board of Governors - implement doctorates and review all others
- Establishes the State University System Academic Program Inventory
  - Uniform data reporting



# New Degree Program Proposal

Board Regulation 8.011 requires a standard proposal format for all new degree programs that:

- Is aligned with new degree program criteria in 8.011
- Provides a summary of enrollments and costs on the cover page
- Provides tables for calculating enrollments, faculty effort, and budget projections
- Addresses student access and diversity
- Provides evidence of sufficient faculty and other resources
- Facilitates the two-step process for review and approval (University Board of Trustees/Board of Governors)
- Addresses all related state-level laws, rules, and regulations



# Other Degree Program Actions

## Board Regulation 8.012, Academic Program Termination

- Establishes termination criteria and authority
- Requires a plan to accommodate affected students and faculty
- Mitigates any adverse impact on diversity

## Board Regulation 8.013, Limited Access

- Protects against unnecessary restrictions on admission
- Facilitates statewide articulation

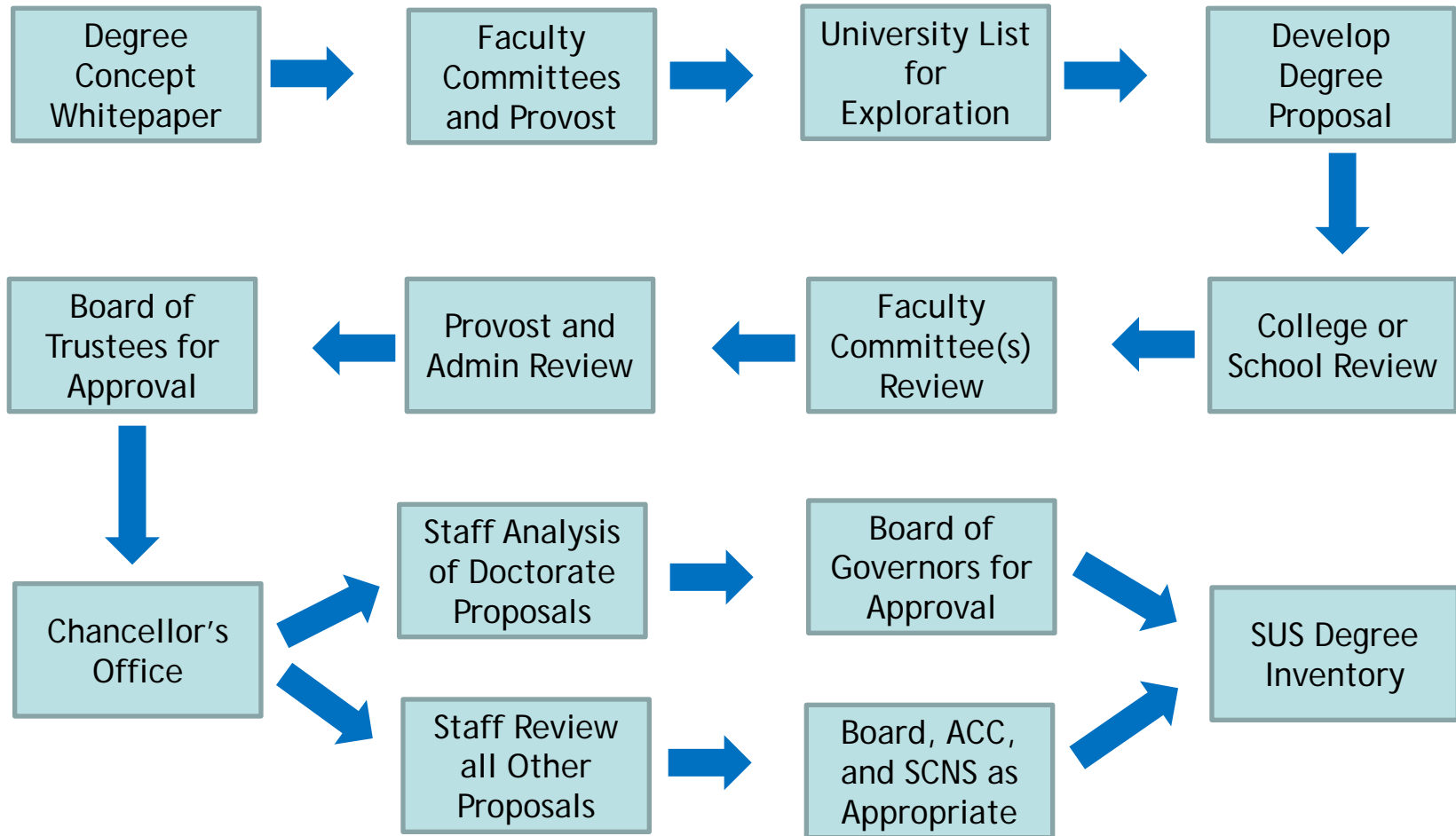
## Board Regulation 8.014, Bachelor's Degree Exceptions to 120 Credit Hours Requirement

- Reduces state cost by preventing unnecessary program length
- Facilitates statewide articulation





# New Degree Program Proposal Process





# Academic Program Coordination

## Board Regulation 8.004, Academic Program Coordination - New 11/10/11

- Facilitates collaboration, articulation, and coordination across the State University System
- Annual review of current, proposed new programs or terminations to address:
  - Appropriate levels of postsecondary access
  - Unnecessary duplication
  - Collaboration and shared resources
  - Adverse impacts caused by new or terminated programs
- Council of Academic Vice Presidents and Board Staff utilize the annual university work plans and accountability reports

