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State University System of Florida

Academic Program Approval and Termination

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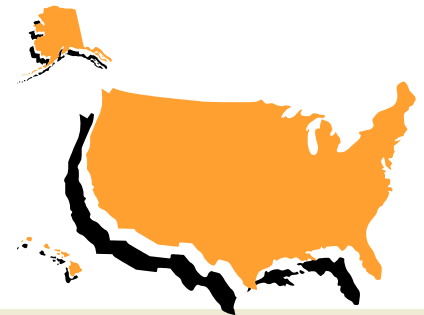


The National Picture

According to a survey in 2007:

- 45 of 48 state or system boards conducted approval of at least some new programs
- 41 states conducted some form of program review, with 33 states reviewing all programs covered under their policies on a regular cycle, such as every five to seven years.

(Source: Barak, 2007, SHEEO)





Academic Program 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 Program 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 for:
 - 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

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- 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



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



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



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