

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
March 18, 2015**

**SUBJECT:** Doctorate in Social Work (CIP 51.1503) at the Florida Atlantic University

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of the Doctorate in Social Work at the Florida Atlantic University, CIP Code 51.1503.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) proposes to offer a Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) with an emphasis in clinical practice. The program is expected to prepare graduates for leadership roles in advanced clinical social work, clinical supervision, and social work education (as clinical faculty for schools of social work teaching various levels of clinical practice).

A Master's in Social Work (MSW) from an accredited program will be required for admission into the DSW program and completion of a 50 semester credit hour curriculum and a practice-oriented research project will be required to earn the degree. The program does not substantially duplicate existing programs in the SUS or within the private sector in Florida.

The FAU Board of Trustees approved the program on June 17, 2014. If the proposal is approved by the Board of Governors, FAU will implement the program in Fall 2015.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Staff Analysis  
(Full proposal online at [www.flbog.edu](http://www.flbog.edu))

**Facilitators/Presenters:** University Representatives