

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
June 22, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Exception to 120 credit hours for the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (CIP 14.1901) at the University of West Florida

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of an exception to 120 credit hours for the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering at the University of West Florida, CIP Code 14.1901

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.014

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of West Florida (UWF) seeks an exception to the 120 credit hours baccalaureate degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (CIP 14.1901). The program length will be 130 hours. The increase in credit hours is needed because the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology requires engineering programs to include 33 credit hours of mathematics and science courses. This request is consistent with existing engineering bachelor's degree programs in the State University System which are approved for exceptions to 120 credit hours to meet accreditation requirements.

The UWF Board of Trustees approved the exception to 120 credit hours to degree for the Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering on March 1, 2016. If approved by the Board of Governors, the exception will become effective Fall 2016.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Request for exception to 120 credit hours

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Governor Norman Tripp