

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION AMENDMENT**

**DATE:** November 24, 2008

**REGULATION TITLE AND NUMBER:** 3.006 Accreditation

**SUMMARY:** Regulation 3.006 currently requires the university president to report accreditation visits and send copies of accreditation reports and supporting documents to the Chancellor.

The regulation has been amended to require the university boards of trustees to develop regulations on accreditation. With regard to regional accreditation, the original requirement that the university president notify the Chancellor of SACS accreditation visits has been preserved, but the reporting requirement has changed to allow universities to produce accreditation documentation at the request of the Board Office. In the added section on discipline-specific accreditation, universities are encouraged to seek specialized accreditation when available or to provide the Office of the Board of Governors with the rationale for not doing so as part of the State University System Accreditation Survey.

**FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION:** The full text of the proposed regulation for amendment is posted on Board of Governor's Web site at [www.flbog.edu](http://www.flbog.edu). In addition, the full text of the regulation is available upon request to the Office of the Chancellor, at (850) 245-0466.

**AUTHORITY TO AMEND REGULATION(S):** Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; BOG Regulation Development Procedure dated March 23, 2006.

**THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION:** Vikki Shirley, General Counsel.

**COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW.** The comments must identify the regulation on which you are commenting:

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### 3.006 Accreditation

~~The Board shall be notified by the President of a university at the time an accreditation visitation is requested, and accreditation reports and any supporting data and shall be filed with the Chancellor promptly upon receipt by the institution.~~

- (1) Each institution board of trustees shall develop regulations on accreditation that are consistent with the mission of the institution and Board of Governors guidelines.
- (2) Regional accreditation
  - (a) Each institution shall seek and take action to maintain regional accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
  - (b) Each president shall immediately inform the Chancellor upon verbal or written notification of any visit scheduled or any action taken by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools related to the institution's compliance certification or interim report.
  - (c) Each institution shall provide a copy of the compliance certification or public disclosure statement to the Board of Governors immediately upon receipt from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
  - (d) Upon request, an institution shall provide the Office of the Board of Governors with a copy of any institution response to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
- (3) Discipline-Specific Accreditation
  - (a) Each institution is encouraged to seek and take action to maintain national or specialized accreditation for its colleges, schools, and academic programs for which there are established standards for programmatic accreditation.
  - (b) If an institution does not seek national or specialized accreditation, it shall provide the Office of the Board of Governors its rationale as part of the State University System Accreditation Survey.
- (4) Each institution shall submit annually the State University System Accreditation Survey to the Office of the Board of Governors.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const. History – Formerly 6C-2.57 and 6C-3.06, 11-18-70, 12-17-74, 8-11-85.