

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 27, 2024**

SUBJECT: New College of Florida CIP Code Change Requests

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of New College of Florida's CIP Code change requests.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board Regulation 8.011, Academic Degree Program Coordination and Approval, outlines criteria and processes for new academic program approval. The regulation ensures each degree program is assigned a Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code by the National Center for Educational Statistics and is included in the State University System Academic Degree Program Inventory. The regulation permits institutions to change a program's assigned CIP code in response to evolving curricula and industry needs as authorized by the Chancellor or designee.

New College of Florida requests to change CIP codes for 28 existing degree programs. The request is to transition from broad liberal arts CIP codes to CIP codes aligned with specific discipline areas. Offering program-specific CIP codes is the current practice at all other State University System institutions. This request will better align degrees with occupational categories and workforce needs. The CIP code changes will also enhance student articulation between the Florida College System and New College. The new CIP codes will enable New College to participate in the revised list of Programs of Strategic Emphasis approved by the Board of Governors in November 2023. Based on the current designated CIP codes, New College has one program on the new Programs of Strategic Emphasis list. By assigning program-specific CIP codes, ten degree programs would qualify as Programs of Strategic Emphasis effective fall 2024.

Most of the requests include transitioning from one liberal arts and sciences CIP code and one biological and physical sciences CIP code to 26 discipline-specific CIP codes. All programs would continue to be offered at the currently approved tuition rate, and the CIP code changes would not negatively impact faculty or currently enrolled students.

Board of Governors Regulation 8.011 allows universities to change CIP codes for degree programs so long as the change does not have the net effect of adding a new degree program to the academic program inventory. The regulation does not require Board of Governors' approval for CIP code changes. New College submitted a plan to reclassify these CIP codes to the Chancellor in the fall of 2023. Since the proposal is

unique and involves a large reorganization of academic programs, Board staff worked with the Chancellor to outline a process for this request. The steps included a review by the Council of Academic Vice Presidents Academic Coordination Group (CAVP ACG) and Board of Governors staff to ensure the correct CIP codes were identified. In addition, the New College Board of Trustees and Board of Governors had to approve the request.

The New College of Florida Board of Trustees approved the CIP code change requests on April 11, 2024. New College took these change requests to the CAVP ACG for review, similar to the process for new program proposals. The requests were presented to the CAVP ACG on April 17, 2024, and no concerns were expressed. Board staff reviewed the request and have no concerns with the recommended changes.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this item will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, the new program CIP codes will be effective fall 2024.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will present the requests.

Supporting Documentation Included:

New College of Florida CIP Code Change Requests Summary;
New College of Florida CIP Code Change Requests Proposals

Facilitators/Presenters:

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