

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
Board of Governors Meeting  
November 10, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Limited Access Request for the Bachelor of Science  
in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Florida

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider Request for Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering (CIP 14.0501) at the University of Florida

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution  
Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board of Governors Regulation 8.013 requires that Limited Access status for baccalaureate programs be approved by the Board of Governors. A program may be considered for Limited Access status if (1) the number of students who have met all the requirements for admission to the university and to the program exceeds available resources such as space, equipment, or other instructional facilities, clinical facilities, or adequate faculty; (2) the program is of such a nature (normally in the fine or performing arts) that applicants must demonstrate that they already have the minimum skills necessary to benefit from the program; or (3) the program is of such a nature that, in order to be successful, applicants must demonstrate higher academic preparation than is required for admission to the university offering the program.

The University of Florida's Board of Trustees approved limited access status for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering at its meeting on March 17, 2011, and is now seeking Board of Governors approval. This action is requested due to anticipated large student demand for the program, limited faculty and instructional facilities, and the need to maintain a quality program to meet accreditation standards. Enrollments will be limited to 70 students per year by 2017. Admission will be based upon competitive Grade Point Average and personal essays that demonstrate a commitment to the discipline. Although proposed minimum standards for admission include two 3000 level courses for native students, these courses are not considered for

admission of Associate in Arts transfer students, who may enroll in the courses their first semester.

If approved, the University of Florida plans to implement the new program and the Limited Access Status effective Fall 2012.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Request available in September 14-15, 2011 Academic and Students Affairs Committee materials at <http://www.flbog.edu>

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