

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION REPEAL AND AMENDMENTS**

Date: May 13, 2008

REGULATION TITLES AND NUMBERS: 6.003 – Admission of Graduate and Post-baccalaureate Professional Students

SUMMARY: This regulation amends the current Board of Governors' regulation that provides guidance for the admission of graduate and post-baccalaureate professional students into the State University System. The proposed amendment authorizes the university boards of trustees to develop regulations and policies on graduate and post-baccalaureate student admissions. The regulations are to be consistent with the university mission and Board of Governors regulations. The proposed amendment also requires universities to develop regulations with a view toward minimizing any unnecessary impediments to access and student progression to the graduate or post-baccalaureate professional levels, while ensuring maintenance of academic quality and integrity.

FULL TEXT OF THE REGULATION: The full text of the proposed new regulation is posted on BOG's Web site at www.flbog.org. In addition, the full text of the regulation is available upon request to the Office of the Chancellor, which can be contacted at (850) 245-0466.

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' OFFICIAL INITIATING ADOPTION/ AMENDMENT/ REPEAL OF REGULATIONS: Dorothy J. Minear, Ph.D., Interim Vice Chancellor

COMMENTS REGARDING ADOPTION/ AMENDMENT/ REPEAL OF REGULATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation(s) on which you are commenting.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING ADOPTION/ AMENDMENT/ REPEAL OF REGULATION IS: Vikki R. Shirley, Esq., General Counsel, Board of Governors, State University System 325 W. Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, (850) 245-0466 (phone), (850) 245-9685 (fax), generalcounsel@flbog.org.

6C-6.003 Entering or Transferring Admission of Graduate Students and Post-baccalaureate Professional Students

(1) Each university board of trustees shall adopt regulations for the admission of graduate and post-baccalaureate professional students. Such regulations shall be consistent with the university mission and Board of Governors regulations.

(2) Institutions are expected to periodically review university regulations for admission of graduate and post-baccalaureate professional students to minimize unnecessary impediments to access, while maintaining academic quality and integrity.

~~(1) Each applicant to a graduate degree program or to a post baccalaureate professional program shall be required to meet minimum systemwide requirements.~~

~~(2) Each applicant to a graduate degree program or to a post baccalaureate professional program must have a bachelor's degree or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution and meet at least one of the following criteria:~~

~~(a) Earned a "B" average or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper-division student working for a baccalaureate degree, or~~

~~(b) A total Quantitative-Verbal Graduate Record Examination score of 1000 or higher or an equivalent score on an equivalent measure approved by the Board, or~~

~~(c) A graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.~~

~~(3) Each applicant to a graduate program or a post baccalaureate professional program shall be required to present his/her score on the Aptitude Test of the Graduate Record Examination, or an equivalent score on an equivalent measure approved by the Board. The university may waive this requirement in individual cases.~~

~~(4) Applicants denied admission shall be given notice of denial within a reasonable period of time following the decision. Upon the applicant's written request, the university shall provide the reasons for the rejection in writing. Applicants denied admission who meet the minimum systemwide standards may request reconsideration by written request to the university within thirty days of the date of denial. The request shall contain reasons why reconsideration is warranted. Each university shall establish the method for reconsideration by rule.~~

~~(5) The Board encourages each university to impose more restrictive admission requirements than the above established for post baccalaureate programs. Effective for Fall, 2001 admissions, these requirements shall not include preferences in the admissions process for applicants on the basis of race, national origin or sex. These criteria shall be published, and the university catalog shall give notice where copies of such criteria may be obtained.~~

~~(6) In any academic year, up to 10 percent of the graduate students may be admitted as exceptions to these criteria. The university may develop criteria for students admitted as exceptions.~~

~~(7) Students who do not meet the systemwide criteria and who wish to enroll in courses but not degree programs at the post-baccalaureate level may enroll under the classification of special post-baccalaureate non-degree students. Universities wishing to admit special post-baccalaureate non-degree students to graduate degree programs after the students have satisfactorily completed a specified number of credits may do so provided that the number so admitted is included as part of the 10 percent exception, as defined in (6) above.~~

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., History--Formerly 6C-2.43, 11-18-70, Amended 11-20-70, Amended and Renumbered 12-17-74, Amended 1-24-77, 2-28-78, 10-17-78, 8-11-85, Formerly 6C-6.03, 9-19-00, _____