

6C-8.012 Academic Program Termination.

(1) To ensure the efficient use of state resources and maintain the quality and relevancy of academic programs offered within the State University System, programs may be terminated. Reasons for terminating programs may include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Enrollments are no longer sufficient to justify the cost of instruction, facilities, and equipment; or the program duplicates other offerings at the university.

(b) The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the university, or is no longer aligned with strategic goals of the Board of Governors.

(c) The program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida in providing a viable educational or occupational objective.

(2) Each University Board of Trustees must adopt policies and procedures for degree program termination, with copies provided to the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The policies will include at a minimum:

(a) A formal process for determining degree programs that are candidates for termination that includes review by the appropriate curriculum, financial, and administrative councils of the university; and

(b) A plan to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in a program that is scheduled to be terminated; and

(c) A process for evaluation and mitigation of any potential negative impact the proposed termination may have on the current representation of females and ethnic minorities within the faculty and students.

(3) Each University Board of Trustees has the responsibility and authority to approve termination of degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, advanced master's, and specialist level in accordance with BOG Regulation 6C-8.012 (1) and subsection (2). Upon termination of a degree program, the university will notify the Board of Governors, Office of Academic and Student Affairs within four weeks of the University Board of Trustees decision.

(4) Each University Board of Trustees has the responsibility and authority to recommend termination of degree programs at the professional and doctoral level to the Board of Governors in accordance with BOG Regulation 6C-8.012 (1) and subsection (2). In its request for termination of a program the university will provide documentation that it has followed its established policies, including those related to faculty affected by program termination, and that there is a plan in place to accommodate any students who are currently active in the program.

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