

NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEW REGULATION

DATE: March 17, 2022

REGULATION TITLE:
Academic Program Termination

REGULATION NO.:
7.100

SUMMARY: This proposed new Regulation 7.100 codifies the current academic affairs policy and process in connection with the termination of academic programs, in compliance with BOG Regulation 8.012.

AUTHORITY: BOG Regulation 8.012

COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE CONTACT PERSON IDENTIFIED BELOW. The comments must identify the regulation you are commenting on.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION IS: Courtney Brown, Legal Assistant II, 123 Tigert Hall, Post Office Box 113125, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611, 352-392-1358 office, 352-392-4387 facsimile, regulations@ufl.edu.

NAME OF PERSON WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION: Dr. Joseph Glover, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION IS ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.

**REGULATIONS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**

7.100 Academic Program Termination.

(1) To ensure the efficient use of state programs and maintain the quality and relevancy of academic programs offered at the University of Florida, programs may be terminated pursuant to Florida Board of Governors (BOG) regulation 8.012. Reasons for terminating an academic program 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) Faculty or other resources are no longer sufficient to deliver a high-quality program;
- (c) The program is no longer aligned with the mission or strategic goals of the University, or is no longer aligned with the strategic goals of the BOG; or
- (d) The program no longer meets the needs of the citizens of Florida in providing a viable education or occupational objective.

(2) Determining degree programs that are candidates for termination must follow the process established by the Office of the Provost, which includes review by the appropriate curriculum, financial, and administrative councils of the University. The process includes the following steps, together with additional notices and approvals as determined by the University:

- (a) The request will be submitted using the BOG, State University System of Florida, Academic Degree Program Termination Form which can be found at <http://aa.ufl.edu/policies/academic-degree-programs/closing-programs/>.
- (b) The request will be submitted for review and approval by:

- Department Chair or designee;
- College Dean or designee;
- University Curriculum Committee (undergraduate), Graduate Council (graduate) or other appropriate curriculum committee;
- Faculty Senate;
- Chief Diversity Officer;
- Director of accreditation;
- Academic Affairs;
- Board of Trustees (BOT);
- BOG; and
- Office of the University Registrar.

(c) The Termination Form shall include a plan to accommodate any students or faculty who are currently active in the program to be terminated.

(d) Notice will be provided by the Office of the Provost to the Florida College System (FCS) institutions that the University has begun the process of terminating a baccalaureate program so that FCS students may be advised appropriately.

(e) A process must be included with the Termination Form to evaluate and mitigate any potential negative impact the proposed termination may have on the current representation of females and ethnic minorities within the program's students and faculty at the time of the proposed termination.

(3) The BOT has the responsibility and authority to recommend termination of degree programs, other than professional and doctoral, prior to the start of the effective term. Upon

termination of a degree program by the BOT, the University will notify the BOG, Office of Academic and Student Affairs, within four weeks after the BOT decision.

(4) The BOT has the authority and responsibility to recommend termination of professional and doctoral programs to the BOG, and will include documentation that it has followed established policies and regulations, 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. The BOG must approve the termination prior to the start of the effective term.

Authority: BOG Regulation 8.012

History: New _____.