Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
October 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Regulation: Accreditation FGCU-PR3.001

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Adopt the proposed regulation concerning accreditation.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Florida Board of Governors (BOG) “Regulation 3.006 Accreditation” that requires all university boards of trustees to develop policies on accreditation that are consistent with university mission and BOG guidelines, the university is proposing the attached regulation. This university regulation notes the President will ensure that FGCU takes all actions necessary to maintain regional accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It charges the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to ensure compliance with all Florida BOG directives concerning the specialized accreditation of eligible degree programs, schools, and colleges of the university. The proposed regulation also requires the President of the university to keep apprised the university Board of Trustees of the accreditation status of the institution and its constituent programs and academic units. Additionally the President is required to ensure timely communication with the Florida BOG with regard to matters concerning accreditation in a manner and format specified by the BOG.

Supporting Documentation Included: 1) BOG Regulation 3.006. 2) Notice and Accreditation Regulation FGCU-PR3.001

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Legal Review by: General Counsel Vee Leonard (9/18/08)

Submitted by: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ron Toll
3.006    Accreditation.

The Board shall be notified by the President of a university at the time an accreditation visitation is requested, and accreditation reports and any supporting data and shall be filed with the Chancellor promptly upon receipt by the institution.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const. History—Formerly 6C-2.57 and 6C-3.06, 11-18-70, 12-17-74, 8-11-85.
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
NOTICE OF REGULATORY ACTION
September 18, 2008

REGULATION TITLE:
Accreditation

REGULATION NO.:
FGCU-PR3.001

SUMMARY:
Regulation FGCU-PR3.001 will ensure that the institution maintains acceptable
levels of quality through means of accreditation. Regional accreditation will cover
the institution as a whole and specialized accreditation will cover eligible schools,
colleges, and academic programs leading to a degree, in accordance with the
mission of the University and Board of Governors’ guidelines.

FULL TEXT:
The full text of the regulation being proposed is attached and can also be found
at http://www.fgcu.edu/generalcounsel/promulgation.asp

LAW IMPLEMENTED:
BOG Regulation 3.006; §1001.74, Florida Statutes

UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL INITIATING THE PROPOSED REVISED
REGULATION:
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ANY COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED NEW REGULATION
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 2, 2008
BY 5:00 P.M. THE COMMENTS MUST IDENTIFY THE REGULATION ON
WHICH YOU ARE COMMENTING.

THIS NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE FGCU WEBSITE ON: SEPTEMBER 18,
2008.
REGULATION: FGCU-PR3.001  
Accreditation

(1) General. The University shall be in accordance with the regulations and guidelines of the Florida Board of Governors as they pertain to accreditation.

(2) Scope. Accreditation here shall apply to the institution as a whole through the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and to specific schools, colleges and programs leading to earned degrees through appropriate bodies recognized through the federal government or BOG regulations or guidelines.

(3) Responsibility. The President of the university will ensure that FGCU will take all actions necessary to maintain its regional accreditation with the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, the President will charge the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs with the responsibility of ensuring compliance with all Florida Board of Governors regulations and guidelines concerning the specialized accreditation of eligible programs, schools, and colleges of the university.

(4) Reporting. The President will apprise the University Board of Trustees, periodically and as necessary, on the accreditation status of the institution, its constituent academic units and programs. As directed by the Florida Board of Governors, the University will provide to it information on the accreditation status of the institution, its constituent academic units, and its programs in a manner and format so specified by the Board of Governors.