

Florida's Baccalaureate Legislation

The Transformation of Florida's Community College System

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Historical Overview

- 1998 PEPC Report (for more baccalaureate access)
- 2001 Legislation to create SPC & authorize site-determined baccalaureate degrees
- 2002 Chipola & MDC receive baccalaureate approval
- 2003 OWC receives baccalaureate approval
- 2004 First baccalaureate degrees awarded by SPC
- 2005 DBCC & Edison receive baccalaureate approval
- 2006 FCCJ receives baccalaureate approval
- 2007 IRCC receives baccalaureate approval
- 2008 Broward & PBCC receive baccalaureate approval

Presently, ten institutions are approved to offer 71 degrees

Current Authority

- ❖ **Section 1004.73 F.S. (St. Petersburg College)**
 - Re-establishes SPJC as SPC
 - Authority to grant degrees in Nursing, Education & BAS fields as approved by their BOT

- ❖ **Section 1007.33 F.S. (Site-determined baccalaureate access)**
 - Intent to expand access through community colleges
 - Proposal to SBOE based on need, demand & capacity

- ❖ **Agreement between SBOE & BOG (1/10/07)**
 - Limits degree offerings to Nursing, Education & BAS programs
 - *Floridians for Constitutional Integrity* to dismiss claim on s.1007.33 F.S.

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Overview

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- Section 3 Coordination with Broward College
- Section 4 Florida College System Task Force
- Section 5 State College Pilot Project
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Section 1

Definition of community college now includes

- Broward College
- Daytona Beach College (Daytona State College)
- Indian River College (Indian River State College)
- Polk College
- Santa Fe College

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Section 2

Creates the Florida College System (FCS)

- Maximize open access for students
- Respond to community needs for postsecondary academic education & career education
- Provide associate & baccalaureate degrees to best meet the state's employment needs

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Florida College System

- Single system of institutions that grant 2 & 4 year degrees
- No graduate degrees
- Cost-effective (substantial savings over cost at an SUS institution)
- Local BOT may request use of “college” designation if approved to offer baccalaureate degrees by SBOE

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Florida College System

- SBOE may grant use of “college” designation if:
 - Primary mission remains the same s.1004.65(6) F.S.
 - Maintain open-door admissions (associate level & workforce)
 - Provide outreach to underserved populations
 - Provide remedial education
 - Comply with statewide articulation agreement
- No use of the term “university”
- Governance remains with local Board of Trustees

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Section 3

Technical change to existing s.1004.35 F.S. relating to coordination among SBOE, BOG, FAU, “Broward College” & FIU for postsecondary course offerings in Broward County

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Section 4

- Florida College System Task Force
- Assigned to DCC to develop findings & issue recommendations regarding:
 - Transition of community colleges to baccalaureate degree granting colleges
 - Criteria for establishing state colleges
 - Criteria for funding state colleges

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Florida College System Task Force

- Members appointed on or before August 31, 2008
- First meeting on or before September 15, 2008
- 11 members appointed by Commissioner
- Commissioner is voting member & chair
- Total membership = 12

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Florida College System Task Force

Membership

- 7 Community College presidents
- 1 SUS president
- 1 president from FRAG-eligible institution
- 1 president of a CIE institution (with bacc. degrees)
- 1 at-large member
- Commissioner as voting member & chair
- Presidents from Pilot Project institutions not eligible

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Florida College System Task Force

Representation must reflect the diversity of the Community College system:

- Institutions that award baccalaureate degrees
- Institutions that do not award baccalaureate degrees
- Institutions with rural service areas
- Institutions with urban service areas
- Institutions with service area populations of 500,000 or more
- Institutions with service area populations less than 500,000

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Florida College System Task Force

Deliverables

- Program approval process for new degree programs designed to meet Florida's employment needs, including:
 - Approval as a baccalaureate granting community college
 - Approval as a State College
- Funding Model
- Need for additional degrees (geographic & academic)
- Monitor implementation of State College Pilot Project
- Priorities & criteria for degrees without SBOE approval

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Florida College System Task Force

Process

- Recommendations require approval by 3/4 of members
- Staffed by employees of DCC
- CCs, SUS, CIE & AWI to provide assistance
- ICUF, businesses, stakeholders encouraged to assist
- Submit report & recommendations by March 2, 2009 to:
 - Governor
 - State Board of Education
 - Speaker of the House

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Section 5

- State College Pilot Project
- Legislative Findings

“It is in the best interest of the state to provide the residents of the state affordable access to baccalaureate degree programs that are designed to meet regional and statewide employment needs.”

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State College Pilot Project

- Beginning with the 2008-09 fiscal year
- Membership
 - **Chipola College**
 - **Daytona Beach College** (Daytona State College)
 - **Edison College** (Edison State College)
 - **Indian River College** (Indian River State College)
 - **Miami Dade College**
 - **Okaloosa-Walton College** (Northwest Florida State College)
 - **Polk College**
 - **Santa Fe College**
 - **St. Petersburg College**

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State College Pilot Project

- Collaboration with Task Force required
- Purpose is to recommend to the Legislature
 - Approval process for transition of baccalaureate degree community colleges to state colleges
 - Criteria for transition of institutions in the FCS to state colleges
 - Funding model for the FCS

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State College Pilot Project

Members may use the “State College” designation if

- Local BOT approves
- Primary mission remains same under s.1004.65(6) F.S.
- Maintain open-door admissions (associate-level & workforce)
- Provide outreach to underserved populations
- Provide remedial education
- Comply with statewide articulation agreement

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State College Pilot Project

Additional requirements to use “State College” designation

- Require CLAST or associate degree for admission
- Administer CLAST unless not required under s.1008.29(4) F.S.
- Report CLAST scores & exemptions to FCS Task Force (until dissolution), SBOE & OPPAGA
- No use of the term “university”
- No graduate credit or graduate degrees
- No intercollegiate athletics beyond the 2-year level
- Cost-effective delivery with substantial savings over SUS costs

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State College Pilot Project

Process

- Collaborate with the FCS Task Force
- Provide recommendations on the transition of a community college to a state college to
 - State Board of Education
 - President of the Senate
 - Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Recommendations require approval by 2/3 of the members

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State College Pilot Project

Deliverables

- Program approval process for SBOE to consider new baccalaureate degrees to meet Florida's employment needs (proposals not limited to meeting regional workforce needs)
- Criteria for the transition of a CC to a state college
- Funding model for state colleges
- Final report by January 1, 2009
 - Status of transition of pilot project institutions
 - Submit to SBOE, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House & FCS Task Force

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Section 6

Effective date is July 1, 2008

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