

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 28-29, 2002

SUBJECT: Authorize Limited Access Status for the Bachelor of Science in Human Performance at Florida Gulf Coast University

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chapter 240.209 (3)(m) F.S. requires that requests for baccalaureate Limited Access status be approved by the Florida Board of Education. Florida Gulf Coast University's Human Performance bachelor's, and particularly its track in Athletic Training, is a high demand field of study, with limited qualified clinical instructors and appropriate clinical placement sites in the University's service area. Limiting access will ensure that students who take this program will have adequate clinical experiences and be able to successfully sit for the qualifying examination in this field. In addition, the accrediting body for this discipline requires a low faculty-to-student ratio for safe practice. At its June 20, 2002 meeting, the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees approved this baccalaureate for implementation with the understanding that Limited Access status would be sought from the Florida Board of Education.

The program will accommodate an opening class of 15 students and will expand to a total of 30 students per year. Admission will be based on the completion of an initial set of clinical observation hours, completion of all prerequisites with a grade of C or better, and an overall grade point average of at least 3.00. The program expects to maintain diversity by focusing marketing and recruitment efforts in high schools, community colleges and communities that have a diverse population.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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