OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL: USF REGULATIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDED TAMPA GRADUATE CATALOG

DATE: October 19, 2010

REGULATION NO. & TITLE: Tampa Graduate Catalog (Incorporated in Regulation

No: USF 1.009)

The Tampa Graduate Catalog includes information on admissions, articulation, degree requirements, curricula offerings, and facilities. The 2011-12, proposed amendments to the catalog have been reviewed and approved by the respective programs and colleges. Following is a summary of the major revisions to the Catalog. Click here to view the full text of the proposed amendments.

Prior to the publication of the final catalog, any adopted or existing requirements set forth in Florida Statute or Board of Governors Regulation will be incorporated into the catalog.

Summary of major amendments to the 2011-2012 USF Tampa Graduate Catalog (Text stricken is deleted; underlined is new)

**Graduate Committee Member Qualifications** 

Committee Members must meet the following requirements:

- be regular graduate or affiliate graduate faculty, as defined by the University.
- have the background and expertise that contributes to the success of the student.

In addition to the requirements specified in the Graduate Faculty definition, The committee membership of graduate faculty will be based upon criteria developed within the appropriate program or department and approved at the college level. These criteria must be forwarded to the Dean of Graduate School.

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## Establish "Concentration" Requirements within Board of Governors Guidelines

A Concentration is a coordinated set of courses in conjunction with examinations, thesis and/or dissertation, sub-curriculum that is applicable to one or more existing graduate programs. However, the total number of credit hours must not equal or exceed the number of credit hours established for the Degree Program(s). Concentrations must be approved by the Department (or equivalent), College, and Graduate Council. Concentrations are listed on a student's transcript, but not on the diploma.

## Doctoral Directed Research Hours Applied to Dissertation

Directed Research hours taken with the (Co) Major Professor(s) prior to approval to doctoral candidacy by the Graduate School may satisfy up to 50% of the dissertation hour requirement, with program approval.

## Major Professor Removal from Graduate Student Supervisory Committee

Appointment of a (Co)-Major Professor(s) may be rescinded by the Department Chair (or equivalent), with the approval of the appropriate Department (or equivalent) faculty committee (separate from student advisory committee.)

## **Doctoral Time Limitation**

Doctoral degrees must be completed within eight (8) seven (7) years from the student's original date of admission for doctoral study. All courses applied to the doctoral degree must be completed within seven (7) years, including courses taken:

1) prior to admission to the USF doctoral program,

2) taken as non-degree seeking, or

3) transferred in from other institutions, must be completed within eight (8) years.

There is no time limitation for courses from a completed master's degree used toward a doctoral degree. For students who are readmitted, see Readmission Policy. Typically, a student will reach candidacy within four years, but this may vary per discipline.

**AUTHORITY TO AMEND:** Art. IX, Sec. 7, Fla. Constitution, Board of Governors Regulation 1.001.

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WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS PROPOSED REGULATION MAY BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE POSTING DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO:

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