

**Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
April 21, 2009**

**SUBJECT: Change Degree Designation from B.A. to B.S. for Marine
Science**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve change in degree designation for the existing undergraduate major in Marine Science from Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) to Bachelor of Science (B.S.).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

FGCU is requesting permission to change the degree designation from B.A. to B.S. for the existing undergraduate Marine Science major (CIP 03.0205). This change is the result of program assessment and feedback from students, faculty, and employers. The revised curriculum will place greater emphasis on using the scientific process to formulate and test hypotheses. Students already admitted into the B.A. Marine Science program will be able to complete degree requirements. All students admitted to the Marine Science major for fall 2009 and later will follow program requirements for the B.S.

The revised curriculum has been approved by the college curriculum team and the university-wide Undergraduate Curriculum Team. The program remains consistent with the criteria for new academic program authorization adopted by the Florida Board of Governors on March 29, 2007. Existing resources will be relocated to implement the B.S. in Marine Science program. No new resources are needed.

Supporting Documentation Included: N/A

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Legal Review by: General Counsel Vee Leonard (April 6, 2009)

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