

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Student Affairs and Campus Life Committee
January 29, 2009**

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Promulgate Board of Governors Regulation
8.003 Textbook Adoption

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve public notice of intent to promulgate Regulation 8.003 for publication on the Board of Governors Web site pursuant to the Board's regulation development procedure.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulation 8.003 provides requirements for each university board of trustees to establish regulations related to the selection of textbooks that will result in decreased costs to students. Instructors are directed to be aware of certain procedures impacting the cost of chosen textbooks. Institutions are required to find methods of ensuring that students who cannot afford textbooks have access to them. A deadline is imposed for online posting of required textbooks. The proposed regulation also clearly articulates benefits university employees may and may not receive in the selection and use of instructional materials.

An SUS Textbook Affordability Workgroup that includes librarians, faculty, Faculty Senate presidents, auxiliary enterprise staff, and students has worked collaboratively since July 2008. The Workgroup submitted a survey to SUS institutions and conducted research into federal, state, and university system practices and procedures affecting textbook costs. Two documents are attached that reflect the knowledge gained by this committee's endeavors with ideas for minimizing textbook costs.

This regulation has been reviewed by the university general counsels, Council of Academic Vice Presidents, Council for Student Affairs, and academic contacts.

Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its March 23, 2006 meeting, the Board is required to provide public notice by publication on its Internet Web site at least 30 days before adoption of the proposed regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included:

8.003 Textbook Adoption
Suggested Implementation Procedures
Informational Brochure

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