

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
March 26, 2009**

**SUBJECT:** Action to Establish Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 – Textbook Adoption

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve new Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 –Textbook Adoption

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Regulation 8.003 provides requirements for university boards of trustees to establish regulations governing textbook adoption for the purpose of minimizing the cost of textbooks while maintaining quality of education and academic freedom. This regulation has been reviewed by the university general counsels, Council of Academic Vice Presidents, Council for Student Affairs, and academic contacts.

- 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.
- Benefits that university personnel may and may not receive in the selection and use of instructional materials are defined.

Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its March 23, 2006 meeting, the Board provided public notice by publication on its Internet Web site before considering adoption of the proposed regulation. No further input was received during this time.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Regulation 8.003 Textbook Adoption included in January 2009 Board meeting materials:

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