

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**

September 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.002 –
Undergraduate Admission of First-Time, Degree-Seeking Freshmen

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve public notice of intent to amend Regulation 6.002 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

The proposed amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 6.002 phases out the current admission concordance table and establishes in its place a 2.5 GPA/test score minimum recommended by the State University System Admission Directors and Registrars Committee (Committee). The current policy will remain in effect until the Summer 2011, thereby allowing for currently enrolled high school juniors and seniors to be grandfathered in under the current standards. This is a substantive rewriting of the regulation. It has been renamed to Admission of Undergraduate First-Time-in-College, Degree-Seeking Freshmen.

The Committee bases its recommendation on a concordance study conducted by the Florida Department of Education's (FLDOE) Office of Research and Evaluation that was based on Florida students who took the ACT, SAT, and College Placement Test in 2005 – 2007. The proposed admission policy to replace the concordance table adopts the minimum cut scores identified in the FLDOE study as being sufficient to avoid taking the College Placement Test. Students meeting the minimum 2.5 grade point average as recalculated by the university will also be required to meet the minimum score in all three sections of the admission test (reading, mathematics, English/Writing), instead of the combined or composite scores for the SAT and ACT now identified in the concordance table. This proposed policy change will ensure that students with less than a 3.0 high school grade point average have the necessary skills in each subject area to be successful once they enter a university, and it will be easier for students and high

school counselors to understand.

Additionally, the amended regulation provides greater institutional autonomy in the admissions process. University boards of trustees are tasked with the responsibility for establishing alternative admission (profile assessment) minimums and for reviewing the success of students admitted under this provision. The factors for alternative admission have been expanded to include such items as demonstrating the potential for success and military service.

The draft regulation has been reviewed by the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, the Council of Student Affairs, the Admission Directors and Registrars Committee, and the university general counsels.

Supporting Documentation Included: Draft Regulation 6.002 – Admission of Undergraduate First-Time-in-College, Degree-Seeking Freshmen (with Committee Materials)