

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
January 24, 2018**

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Create Board of Governors Regulation 8.006
Civic Literacy

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to create Regulation 8.006 entitled Civic Literacy.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, and Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A new regulation is being proposed to establish civic literacy criteria for baccalaureate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university fall semester 2018, and thereafter. This new regulation provides both classroom instruction and independent assessment opportunities as ways for students to meet this requirement prior to graduation.

A workgroup comprised of both state university and Florida College System institution history and political science faculty representation met fall 2017 to provide recommendations as to appropriate courses and competencies for meeting the civic literacy requirement per section 1009.25, Florida Statutes. Board office leadership also kept the Council of Academic Vice Presidents and other university staff informed throughout the process. Additionally, a review of various assessments were reviewed in order to determine the best fit for including the competencies. The content of the proposed regulation aligns with a proposed Department of Education rule in order to ensure smooth articulation.

Pursuant to the regulation procedure adopted by the Board at its meeting on March 23, 2006, 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: Proposed Regulation 8.006

Facilitators/Presenters: Governor Norman Tripp