

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
March 29, 2018**

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

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consideration for approval of the proposed Board of Governors Regulation 8.006 Civic Literacy

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution and Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Regulation 8.006 Civic Literacy is being proposed for approval in order 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 work group comprised of both state university and state college history and political science faculty met throughout fall 2017 to provide recommendations as to appropriate courses and competencies to meet the civic literacy requirement per section 1007.25, Florida Statutes. Additionally, Florida College System and Board staff identified appropriate assessments, as directed by the legislation, through which students can demonstrate civic literacy. The content of the proposed regulation aligns with a proposed Department of Education rule in order to ensure smooth articulation.

The regulation was reviewed by the university general counsels, the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, and other state university staff. The regulation amendment was approved for noticing on January 24, 2018. No major concerns were expressed about the language during this notice period.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Regulation 8.006