STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 22, 2015

SUBJECT: Approve Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 14.020 University Supervision of Construction Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve notice of intent to amend of Board Regulation 14.020, University Supervision of Construction Program.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Subsection 1013.02(b), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This regulation was last amended in March 27, 2008. Since that time, several significant changes have been made to Chapter 633, Fire Prevention and Control, and Chapter 1013, Educational Facilities, Florida Statutes. Current law with regards to the applicable codes and standards referenced in the regulation now provides broader options for the university to demonstrate compliance with statutory requirements for code and design plan review and inspection during construction.

The proposed revision to the regulation provides authority for the review of construction documents by certified firesafety inspectors, as an alternative to staff of the State Fire Marshal's Office. Additionally, the regulation language has been modified to parallel the statutory requirements found in Section 1013.38, Florida Statutes, which directs boards, and not the university president, to ensure that facilities comply with building codes and life safety codes.

The proposed language was developed by Board staff based on discussions with university staff, and no adverse impact has been identified by amendment of this regulation. It is anticipated that boards of trustees will delegate this authority upon adoption of the amended regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Information located in the Facilities Committee materials