

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
January 21, 2016**

SUBJECT: Access and Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The State University System of Florida reported in 1992 that there were 1,717 students with disabilities who self-disclosed their disability to university disability resource centers, seeking accommodations or assistance while enrolled. By 2014, the number of students seeking assistance had risen to over 12,000. These numbers do not reflect the hundreds of students with disabilities who did not seek accommodations. Due in part to concerted efforts by K-12 counselors to ensure a smooth transition to postsecondary education, changes to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and an influx of wounded warriors, university disability services centers are increasing academic and student support services designed to remove barriers to access as well as to promote student success in degree completion.

University staff will present a short video that highlights educational accommodations and academic support services for students with disabilities throughout the System. The Committee will also recognize the longstanding support of the Johnson Foundation in providing scholarships to SUS students with disabilities.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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