STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS Budget and Finance Committee June 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.008 Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Approve the public notice of intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.008 Waivers and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Several changes are being made to address statutory changes approved during the 2016 session.

House Bill 799 amends section 1009.26(14), Florida Statutes, by waiving out-of-state fees for active duty service members of the Armed Forces of the United States residing or stationed outside of Florida This means all enrolled active duty service members should be charged an equivalent amount of tuition and fees per credit hour as charged to a resident student in the same course.

House Bill 1157 amends section 1009.26(8), Florida Statutes, by modifying the Purple Heart waiver to allow recipients of a Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence who were residents of the state at the time of military action to receive the tuition and fee waiver, no matter where the recipients are currently residing. Additionally, the legislation allows for the waiver of tuition and fees for recipients currently living in Florida whose home of record at the time of military action was another state.

House Bill 7040 modified the welfare transition program exemption which has been added to the regulation.

These changes have been shared with the universities.

If approved, the amended regulation will be noticed on the Board's website for 30 days with final approval by the Board at the September 22, 2016 meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: Amended Regulation 7.008

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