

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
September 22, 2016**

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 8.003 Textbook Adoption

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 has been amended and retitled Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability to align with changes in section 1004.085, Florida Statutes. A system-wide workgroup was convened to address the new requirements in statute and to make recommendations for amending the regulation. A summary of the proposed changes to this regulation is as follows:

- Revises provisions relating to textbook affordability to include instructional materials.
- Requires state university boards of trustees to identify wide variances in the costs of, and frequency of changes in the selection of textbooks and instructional materials for certain courses.
- Requires state university system boards of trustees to send a list of such identified courses to the academic department chairs for review.
- Authorizes the state university boards of trustees to adopt policies in consultation with providers to allow for the use of innovative pricing techniques and payment options for certain textbooks and instructional materials.
- Requires postsecondary institutions to consult with school districts to identify practices that impact the cost of dual enrollment courses.
- Requires a cost-benefit analyses relating to selection of textbooks and instructional materials.
- Provides for annual reporting requirements.

Draft amendments have been reviewed by the university General Counsels, the Council of Academic Vice Presidents, and other state university staff. 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.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials