

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 4, 2021**

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006,
Civic Literacy

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.006 defines and outlines civic literacy criteria for baccalaureate degree-seeking students initially entering a state university in fall of 2018 and thereafter. During the 2021 Legislative Session, Senate Bill 1108 modified civic literacy requirements to require students entering a State University System institution beginning in the 2021-22 academic year and thereafter, to complete a civic literacy course and pass an assessment.

At the June 2021 Academic and Student Affairs meeting, the committee approved a Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy. Since that meeting, subsequent conversations with the Florida Department of Education resulted in the addition of two more accelerated mechanisms that would count toward the course competency, and the Florida Civics Literacy Examination was launched. The new proposed amendment includes the new assessment option and additional accelerated mechanisms, which will align the regulation with the Florida Department of Education's proposed rule.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy, will be available for public comment for thirty days. If no concerns are raised during that time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.006 Civic Literacy

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