

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
January 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Notice to Approve Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the amendment to 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 undergraduate 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.

Appropriate offices reviewed the intent to amend at all universities, and the Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Amend at its November 4, 2021, meeting. Following approval of the public notice of intent, public comments were received resulting in additional changes. The first change was to use the broader term of undergraduate in place of baccalaureate as undergraduates can pursue an Associate of Arts at a System institution. The second change was to add the College Level Examination Program's (CLEP) History of the United States II: 1865 to Present exam as an accelerated mechanism that would meet the course competency requirement. According to the Articulation Coordination Committee's Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies list passed by the Board on June 22, 2021, a passing score of 50 on this CLEP demonstrates sufficient knowledge competency for AMH X020. The regulation as amended is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.006, Civic Literacy