

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
January 25, 2022

SUBJECT: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Update on Nursing and Law Exam Pass Rates

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Professional licensures and certification first-time pass rates are an important indicator of both graduate and program quality. As part of the annual university accountability plans, each institution's exam passage rates are compared against national or state average passage rates.

In September and November 2020, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University presented improvement plans for nursing, law, pharmacy, and physical therapy to this committee. The plans included information on improvements in the short-term for students currently enrolled, additional exam and student outcomes, admission requirements, curriculum, student progression, faculty support, accreditation, and how the institution has worked with other State University System institutions on best practices to improve the rates.

In its 2021 Accountability Plan, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's licensure pass rates were five points or more below the national average or benchmarks in all four licensure exams. Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University graduates' performance was just five points below the benchmark on the pharmacy licensure exam this past year and eight points below the benchmark on the physical therapy exam, showing a fourteen-point improvement from the previous year. However, performance on the nursing and law exams was still ten points or more below the benchmarks.

Dr. Maurice Edington, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, will present an update on how the institution is addressing the licensure pass rates in nursing and law.

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

Facilitators/Presenters:

Dr. Maurice Edington