

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
March 30, 2022

SUBJECT: 2025 System Strategic Plan Update: Civil Discourse Recommendation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the updated 2025 System Strategic Plan to include a statement on civil discourse.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Governors approved the Civil Discourse Initiative Report at the January 26, 2022, Board meeting, which included recommendations to implement civil discourse practices throughout the State University System. Recommendation two includes the addition of a specific endorsement of the Board's Statement of Free Expression and a clear expectation for open-minded and tolerant civil discourse throughout each campus community in the Board's 2025 System Strategic Plan. The Board's Strategic Plan has been revised to include a new guiding principle stating that institutions will ensure a climate of free expression and civil discourse on each campus that adhere to the principles in the State University System Free Expression Statement and the Board of Governor's Civil Discourse Final Report.

If approved by the Strategic Planning Committee, the updated 2025 System Strategic Plan will come to the full Board for consideration.

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Materials