

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
June 30, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Approve Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Limited Access

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Limited Access

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.013 authorizes the Board to approve limited access status for baccalaureate degree programs and outlines the monitoring process for these programs. At the committee's January 25, 2022, meeting, Vice Chancellor Christy England provided an overview of the issues identified by the Board office's self-evaluation of limited access programs. The presentation included recommended changes to Regulation 8.013, Limited Access. At the request of the Board of Governors Chair and the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Chair, Board staff drafted proposed revisions to the regulation.

The proposed revisions include changing the name of the status and regulation from limited access to specialized admissions, adding language to ensure institutions provide equitable access to these undergraduate programs, and defining reporting requirements to ensure compliance with the regulation. The revisions also modify the criteria for initial approval and continued approval of specialized admissions status and allow the Board of Governors to consider approval of undergraduate degree programs as specialized admissions upon request by the university board of trustees if the programs meet one or more of the following criteria.

- The number of students who meet all the requirements for admission to the university and the program exceeds available resources such as space, equipment, other instructional facilities; clinical facilities; required student-faculty ratios, fiscal, or other resource limitations. If approved, the status would last four years, after which the institution may reapply for specialized admission status.
- The undergraduate program is such that applicants must demonstrate through an audition or submission of a portfolio that they possess the minimum skills necessary to benefit from the undergraduate program. If approved, the status would last five years, after which the institution may reapply for specialized admission status.

- The undergraduate program is accredited by a national, state, regional, or programmatic body and also has either limited resources or requires minimal skills. If approved, the status would last three to five years, depending on whether the status was granted based on limited resources or required minimal skills.

In addition, the amendment requires institutions to submit plans for increasing capacity in undergraduate programs seeking specialized admissions status due to limited resources and for programs classified as a Program of Strategic Emphasis.

The Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Limited Access, at its March 30, 2022, meeting. Following approval, no public comments were received, and the regulation as amended is ready for final approval.