STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 25, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.008, Postsecondary-College-Level-Preparatory, Testing, Placement, and Instruction for State Universities

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.008, Postsecondary-College-Level-Preparatory Testing, Placement, and Instruction for State Universities.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 6.008, Postsecondary-College-Level-Preparatory Testing, Placement, and Instruction for State Universities, provides required test scores for first-time-in-college-degree-seeking students to meet to enroll in college-level courses at a State University System institution.

The College Board will begin implementing the digital SAT in spring 2023 for international students and in spring 2024 for U.S. students. As part of this implementation, the College Board will only provide a three-digit score and discontinue two-digit scores. Board Regulation 6.008 identifies minimum two-digit SAT scores for first-time-in-college-degree-seeking students to enroll in college-level courses. The proposed amendment changes the two-digit score to a comparable three-digit score in preparation for the transition to the digital SAT.

In addition, the College Board recently implemented changes to the ACCUPLACER exam. This exam series allows institutions to determine whether a student is ready to take a college-level class or needs additional support before enrolling in credit-bearing courses. In February 2022, a committee of instructors from Florida College System institutions, State University System institutions, and school districts convened to identify and recommend Next-Generation ACCUPLACER standard scores to replace interim standard scores. The proposed amendment aligns with this recommendation and with proposed rule changes being considered by the State Board of Education.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment. If no concerns are raised during that time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

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