

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.013,
Specialized Admissions

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions, authorizes the Board to approve specialized admissions status for baccalaureate degree programs and outlines the monitoring process for these programs. Specialized admissions status allows an institution to establish additional admission criteria for entry into undergraduate degree programs, which enables the institutions to limit enrollment in such programs.

In 2021, the Florida Legislature amended section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, establishing the Programs of Strategic Emphasis Waiver. This waiver requires that for every course in a qualifying program in which a student is enrolled and meets the specified requirements, a state university must waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees for an equivalent course in an approved program. The intent of the waiver is to increase enrollment, which is counter to the intent of specialized admissions status.

Board staff propose amending Regulation 8.013 to specify that undergraduate degree programs approved for the Programs of Strategic Emphasis Waiver are not permitted to request approval for specialized admissions. The proposed amendment would ensure student access to the academic programs approved for the Programs of Strategic Emphasis waiver.

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

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the proposed amendment to the regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.013, Specialized
Admissions

Facilitators/Presenters:

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