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 6.002,

Admission of Undergraduate First-Time-in-College, Degree-Seeking

Freshmen

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.002, Admission of Undergraduate First-Time-in-College, Degree-Seeking Freshmen.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 6.002, Admission of Undergraduate First-Time-in-College, Degree-Seeking Freshmen, outlines requirements for undergraduate admission for first-time-in-college students, including standard admission, admission for home-education students, alternative admission, and admission through the Talented 20 program.

The 2023 Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1537, which was signed into law on May 9, 2023. The bill revised section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, to authorize school districts to administer the Classic Learning Test (CLT) in addition to the SAT and ACT. In addition, the bill revised section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, to allow students to be eligible for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program based on CLT scores that concord to equivalent SAT or ACT scores.

Board staff propose amending Regulation 6.002 to meet the needs of students that may take the CLT as authorized in the above statutes. The proposed amendment adds CLT as an acceptable exam for university admissions. The proposed amendment also provides a concordance score for students who are homeschooled using the concordance tables created and published by Classic Learning Initiatives, LLC. in April 2023.

The amendment also clarifies the requirements for students in the Talented 20 program. The Talented 20 program guarantees admission to one of Florida's 12 state universities to students that graduate in the top 20% of their high school class. The proposed amendment clarifies that students must receive three denials before appealing to the Board of Governors. The amendment specifies that students who graduate with an Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) diploma qualify for alternative admission, consistent with the pathway allowed for students receiving an International

Baccalaureate (IB) diploma. Finally, the amendment removes an outdated SAT score from 2016.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment for 14 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.

Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the proposed amendment to the regulation.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 6.002, Admission of

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