STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
June 22, 2023

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 9.012, Foreign Influence

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 9.012, Foreign Influence.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 9.012, Foreign Influence, governs institutions' responsibilities regarding relationships with foreign entities.

The proposed amendment aligns the regulation with Senate Bill 846, which was signed into law on May 8, 2023. The bill provides new requirements regarding grants, agreements, partnerships, and gifts between State University System institutions and foreign countries of concern. The legislation also specifies new reporting requirements for state universities.

The proposed amendment to Regulation 9.012 adds definitions for agreements, foreign principals, and partnerships to align with the revised statute. The proposed amendment prohibits an institution from soliciting or accepting a gift from a college or university based in a foreign country of concern. The proposed amendment also prohibits grants, agreements, or partnerships with such entities without Board approval, outlines the procedure for requesting approval, and provides sanctions. It also outlines reporting requirements for universities to provide data to the Board regarding grant programs, agreements, partnerships, and contracts with foreign countries of concern and any office, campus, or physical location in a foreign country of concern.

If approved by the Academic and Research Excellence Committee and the Board of Governors, the proposed amended regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days. If no concerns are raised, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: In Academic and Research Excellence Committee Materials