

MINUTES
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
VIA TELECONFERENCE
September 8, 2023

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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Vice Chair Edge convened the meeting at 2:50 p.m. with the following Governors present: Governors Edge, Diaz, Frost, Haddock, Hitchcock, and Phalin. A quorum was established.

2. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty

Governor Cerio stated that the first item on the agenda was to consider approval of a Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty. He recognized Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, to provide an overview of the proposed amendment.

Ms. Sikes explained that during the 2023 session, the legislature expanded the definition of military students to include students enrolled at a state university who are active duty members or veterans of the United States Armed Forces or the Florida National Guard, as well as their spouses and dependents. The legislature also established the Collegiate Purple Star Campus program. The proposed amendment incorporates the definition changes and outlines the criteria institutions must meet to receive the Purple Star Campus Designation, along with the process.

Chair Cerio asked for a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Diaz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Board of Governors Regulation 8.015, Workforce Education Partnership Program

Chair Cerio recognized Ms. Sikes to provide an overview of the proposed Board of Governors Regulation 8.015, Workforce Education Partnership Programs.

Ms. Sikes stated that as part of Senate Bill 240 from the 2023 legislative session, the Board of Governors was required to adopt a regulation to establish the Workforce Education Partnership Program. The program is designed to provide tuition assistance to students employed by a private employer and the minimum requirements to develop

and maintain the program. Ms. Sikes explained that the proposed regulation specifies the requirements for student eligibility and the process for employers to establish and maintain the program.

Ms. Sikes explained that the Board is required by statute to approve an application for universities to use to establish Workforce Education Partnership programs. The application covers minimum requirements around student, employer, and university participation.

Chair Cerio asked for a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Board Regulation 8.015, Workforce Education Partnership Programs. Governor Haddock moved to approve, Governor Diaz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Cerio asked for a motion to approve the Workforce Education Partnership Program application included in the meeting materials. Governor Phalin moved to approve the application, Governor Frost seconded, and the application was approved.

4. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 10.003, Post-Tenure Review

Chair Cerio moved on to consider approval of the public notice of intent to amend Board Regulation 10.003, Post-Tenure Review. Chair Cerio recognized Ms. Sikes to provide an overview of the proposed amendments.

Ms. Sikes explained that the proposed amendment aligns Regulation 10.003 with new statutory requirements resulting from the 2023 legislative session. She stated that the changes include that the final hiring authority is now statutorily assigned to the university presidents, and personnel actions, including evaluations, promotions, tenure, discipline, or termination, may not be appealed beyond the university president or designee. Additionally, the proposed amendment requires universities to issue any final decisions regarding personnel actions in writing, which are not subject to arbitration. Finally, any grievance filing will not affect the university's action or decision, including the termination of pay or benefits for a suspended or terminated faculty member.

Governor Phalin requested that the resolutions of the faculty senates of the member institutions be entered into the record.¹ She stated that there is a potential for an unintended consequence of more arbitration for the System and recommends that the Board keep track of the litigation that is entered into because of this regulation.

Chair Cerio stated that the Board would continue to monitor the implementation of the regulation.

¹ The resolutions from the United Faculty of Florida chapters regarding Board of Governors Regulation 10.003, Post-Tenure Review, are on file at the Board of Governors office and available upon request.

Chair Cerio asked for a motion to approve the Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board Regulation 10.003, Post Tenure Faculty Review. Governor Edge moved to approve, Governor Diaz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies

Chair Cerio moved to the next item on the agenda and recognized Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, to provide an overview of the changes to the Articulation Coordinating Committee's recommended Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies. The committee, which has State University System representation within its membership, approved revisions to the equivalencies at its February 23, 2023, and June 28, 2023 meetings.

Dr. England explained that Florida Statutes require that the Articulation Coordinating Committee define passing scores and course and credit equivalents for several programs that require examinations, training, or experience. This process allows credits to be granted consistently to students across Florida's public colleges and state universities. The Office of Articulation annually convenes faculty work groups to conduct reviews of the equivalencies for credit-by-exam, military, and law enforcement equivalencies. For credit-by-exam equivalencies, the committee added ten new equivalencies for the Advanced International Certificate of Education program exams and a new Advanced Placement exam for precalculus.

Chair Cerio asked for a motion to approve the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Credit-by-Exam Equivalencies. Governor Frost moved to approve, Governor Edge seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Credit or Clock Hour Military Experience Equivalency List

Chair Cerio moved to the next item and recognized Dr. England to provide an overview of the revisions to the Articulation Coordinating Committee's list of post-secondary course equivalents and the minimum post-secondary credit or career education clock hours for occupations held by individuals during military service.

Dr. England explained that this is the second year of adopting equivalencies for military experience. At the June 28, 2023 meeting, the Articulation Coordinating Committee adopted equivalencies for 147 additional courses.

Chair Cerio asked for a motion to approve the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Credit or Clock Hour Military Experience Equivalency List. Governor Hitchcock moved to approve, Governor Frost seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Credit or Clock Hour Law Enforcement Experience Equivalency List

Chair Cerio recognized Dr. England to provide an overview of the Articulation Coordinating Committee's list of post-secondary course equivalencies and the minimum

post-secondary credit or career education clock hours to be awarded for law enforcement training or experience. In January 2023, the Board of Governors approved the Articulation Coordinating Committee's policy on evaluating and awarding post-secondary credit for prior law enforcement training.

Dr. England presented that this is the first year of implementation of the approved list of courses. At the June 28, 2023 meeting, the Articulation Coordinating Committee approved equivalencies for 30 courses.

Chair Cerio asked for a motion to approve the Articulation Coordinating Committee's Credit or Clock Hour Law Enforcement Experience Equivalency List. Governor Phalin moved to approve, Governor Frost seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Having no further business, Chair Cerio adjourned the meeting at 3:08 P.M.

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