

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.003,
Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 8.003, Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.003, Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability and Transparency, requires each university board of trustees to adopt a regulation to establish affordability policies to minimize the cost of the course materials for students. The regulation also outlines the annual reporting requirements.

Board staff proposes amending Regulation 8.003. The amendment will provide greater transparency for students to make informed decisions as they select courses prior to registering. The proposed amendment will require that the list of required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials be searchable by the general education status of the course. This is in addition to being searchable by the course subject, the course number and title, the course section, the name of the instructor of the course, and the title and author(s) of each assigned textbook or instructional material.

The proposed amendment requires universities to post current syllabi for all courses and course sections offered for the upcoming term. The syllabi must be posted in the same location as the posting of textbooks and instructional materials. The syllabi must be posted as early as is feasible, but at least 45 days before the first day of class for each term and remain posted in the database for at least five years. The proposed amendment outlines the requirements for the posting of syllabi if courses, sections of courses, or instructors are added after the 45-day period.

Currently, course syllabi that are posted must include the course curriculum, the goals, objectives, and student expectations of the course, and how student performance will be measured. The proposed amendment would now require course syllabi to also

include the required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials, the grading scale, and the student assignments, including required readings.

The proposed amendment exempts individualized courses such as directed individual studies, internships, thesis, dissertation defense, and performance from being included in the requirement for the posting of required and recommended textbooks and instructional materials and course syllabi.

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. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the proposed amendment.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.003, Textbook
and Instructional Materials
Affordability and Transparency

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