STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic Affairs Committee
November 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Specialized Admissions Reaffirmation: Limited Resources

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of specialized admissions reaffirmation requests for undergraduate programs that meet the limited-resources criteria.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.013

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors' Regulation 8.013, Specialized Admissions, authorizes the Board to approve specialized admissions status for certain undergraduate degree programs. The Board may consider approval of undergraduate degree programs for specialized admissions upon request by the university board of trustees if the programs meet one of the following criteria.

- Resources: The number of students who meet all the requirements for admission to the university and the program exceeds available resources such as space, equipment, clinical facilities, student-faculty ratios, and fiscal limitations. If approved, the status lasts four years, after which the institution may reapply for specialized admissions status.

- Minimal skills: The undergraduate program requires that applicants demonstrate through an audition or submission of a portfolio that they possess the minimum skills necessary to benefit from the undergraduate program. Once a program is approved for specialized admissions that meets the minimum skills criteria, it does not require reaffirmation unless the admission requirements change.

Institutions' programs were previously approved for specialized admissions status based on limited resources effective for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The status for these programs will expire in the 2026-2027 Academic Year. Universities have been reviewing the programs to determine whether the status is still needed. Following the review, universities submitted an application for each program seeking reaffirmation. A total of 41 requests to reaffirm specialized admissions status were submitted.

If approved by the Academic Affairs Committee, the specialized admissions applications will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. If approved by the Board of Governors, specialized admission status for the approved programs will be effective fall 2027.

Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the specialized admissions requests.

Supporting Documentation Included:	Specialized Admissions Applications
Facilitators/Presenters:	Dr. Lynn Nelson