STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
November 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors' Regulation 8.005, General Education Course Options

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Approval of Amendment to Board of Governors' Regulation 8.005, General Education Course Options.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 1007.55, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors' Regulation 8.005, General Education Course Options, identifies the core courses that satisfy general education subject area requirements and outlines the process for annual institutional review, submission, and Board approval of general education course offerings.

Board staff propose an amendment to Regulation 8.005 to align with the provisions of HB 5601E, which was approved by the Governor on June 29, 2026. The legislation authorizes the Board of Governors to amend the list of general education courses for each state university, in addition to its existing authority to approve or reject each list.

The proposed amendment incorporates two motions passed by the Academic Affairs Committee. At its January 29, 2026, meeting, the committee authorized the Chancellor to approve an institution's request to remove courses from its approved list of general education courses. At its March 26, 2026, meeting, the committee authorized the Chancellor to approve an institution's request to add courses to its approved list so long as the course went through the required Board of Trustees process.

The Board approved the public notice of intent to amend this regulation on September 3, 2026. The amended Regulation was available for public comment, and no public comments were received. The amended Regulation is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Regulation 8.005, General Education Course Options