

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

January 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of the Policy Regarding the Evaluation and Awarding of Postsecondary Credit for Prior Military Training, Courses, and Occupations.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2020 Legislature amended section 1004.096, Florida Statutes, providing expanded opportunities for veteran and armed forces postsecondary students to have military experience evaluated for postsecondary credit. The Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) was directed by the legislation to convene a workgroup to develop a process for determining postsecondary course equivalencies and the minimum postsecondary credit or career education clock hours that must be awarded for courses taken and occupations held by individuals during their service in the military. The workgroup included the chair of the ACC; four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from the State University System institutions; four members representing academic affairs administrators and faculty from Florida College System institutions; two members representing faculty from district career centers; and two members representing veterans, appointed by the executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs. State University System institutions were given the opportunity to review the workgroup's recommendation and provide feedback. Dr. William Hudson Jr., Chair of the ACC and the workgroup, presented the recommendation to the ACC at its November 19, 2020, meeting. The workgroup's recommendation is now being provided to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education for approval.

The workgroup's recommendation outlines two avenues for the evaluation and awarding of postsecondary credit. The first involves the general expectations for public institutions to consider when evaluating a student's military experience. These expectations are consistent with Board of Governors Regulation 6.013, Military Veterans and Active Duty. The second avenue is establishing a statewide evaluation process that results in specific military experience being included in the Credit or Clock Hour for Military Experience Equivalency List. The ACC will adopt a recommended equivalency list that will be submitted to the State Board of Education and Board of Governors to consider for approval later in 2021.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, this recommendation will be forwarded to the Full Board for consideration.

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Materials