

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
September 16, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Public Notice to Approve Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation  
8.001 University Calendars

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Consider approval of Public Notice to Approve Amendment to Board of Governors  
Regulation 8.001 University Calendars.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

State University System institutions and Florida College System institutions have coordinated academic calendars since Rule 6A – 10.019, Florida Administrative Code was established in 1974 by the Florida Board of Regents and the State Board of Education. The Board of Governors later adopted the rule through the approval of the articulation 6A-10 rules in guidelines and eventually adopted the policy in Regulation 8.001, University Calendars.

Regulation 8.001 has been amended to ensure continued coordinated academic calendars since Rule 6A – 10.019, Florida Administrative Code was established in 1974 by the Florida Board of Regents and the State Board of Education. The regulations has also been amended to provide greater flexibility to the institutions while maintaining the ability for students to transfer from one educational sector to another. This flexibility also allows for different approaches in delivery. The amendments also provides the Chancellor with the ability to grant exceptions for an institution meeting the specified requirements instead of requiring action by the Board of Governors. The amendments provides greater flexibility in start dates to terms and no longer specifying the number of days of instruction.

The Intent to Amend was reviewed by appropriate offices at all universities, and the Board of Governors approved the Public Notice of Intent to Amend at its July 21, 2020, meeting. Following approval, no public comments were received, and the regulation as amended is ready for final approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Regulation 8.001 University  
Calendars