

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

SUBJECT: Public Notice to Approve Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice to Approve Amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 has been amended to address section 1004.085(4), Florida Statutes. The amendment requires that innovative pricing techniques and payment options for course materials include an opt-out provision in addition to the opt-in provision for students. The opt-out provision may be approved provided there is documented evidence that opting out reduces the cost of textbooks and instructional materials for students taking a course.

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.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Regulation 8.003 Textbook and
Instructional Materials
Affordability