

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

October 30, 2019

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

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of amendment of Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, and Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability has been amended to address Senate Bill 6, which amended subsections (4) and (8) of section 1004.085, Florida Statutes.

The amendments include the following.

1. Omitting the requirement for state university boards of trustees to examine the cost of textbooks and instructional materials by course and course section for all general education courses offered at the institution each semester to identify variance in the cost of textbooks and instructional materials among different sections of the same course.
2. Omitting the requirement for state university boards of trustees to review the percentage of textbooks and instructional materials that remain in use for more than one term.
3. Omitting the requirement for institutions to report the selection process for general education courses identified with a wide cost variance in the board of trustees' annual report to the Chancellor.

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 August 29, 2019 meeting. Following that approval, no public comments were received and the regulation as amended is ready for final approval.

Supporting Documentation Included: Amended Regulation 8.003 Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability