

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 12, 2012**

SUBJECT: Implementation of HB 7135 General Education Core

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For Information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HB 7135 amended s. 1007.25, Florida Statutes, to mandate that faculty committees appointed jointly by the chairs of the State Board of Education and Board of Governors, or their designees, identify a maximum of five courses in each of the general education subject areas of communication, humanities, mathematics, natural science, and social science. This general education core will make up 15 hours of the total 30 general education hours for an associate in arts or baccalaureate degree. Students initially entering a Florida College System institution or state university in 2014-2015 must meet these new general education requirements.

A Steering Committee made up of five representatives each from the Florida College System (FCS) and the State University System (SUS) was chosen in July. They have been directed to oversee this project and make recommendations to the FCS and SUS Chancellors.

Next steps include Steering Committee review of nominations of members to serve on each of the five general education subject area faculty committees. These nominations will be forwarded to the Chancellors for final approval by the end of September, with the work of the faculty panels in identifying competencies and selecting core courses to begin shortly thereafter.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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