

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

September 18, 2024

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 10.015, Institutes and Centers

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider approval of Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 10.015, Institutes and Centers.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board of Governors Regulation 10.015, Institutes and Centers, defines different types of institutes and centers. It also outlines the requirements for establishing, disbanding, reviewing, and evaluating the effectiveness of institutes and centers.

Board staff proposes an amendment to better organize and streamline Regulation 10.015. The proposed amendment clarifies the definitions for State of Florida institutes and centers and adds a new category for institutes and centers created by the Florida Legislature. It outlines requirements for maintaining the inventory of active university institutes and centers, streamlines university reporting requirements, and makes other technical changes.

The proposed amendment changes how the active list of centers and institutions is maintained. Universities will be required to maintain a list of active institutes and centers on their public websites. The Board of Governors' website will provide a link to each university's list.

Currently, the regulation requires universities to evaluate each institute and center every seven years, at minimum, and submit a summary of each evaluation to the Board office within 30 days of completion. Board staff proposes eliminating the seven-year evaluation requirement from the regulation and delegating the evaluation responsibility to each university's board of trustees. While the proposed amendment reduces the university's annual reporting requirements to the Board office, it does require universities to annually certify that institutes and centers are in compliance with all Florida Statutes and Board of Governors' regulations.

Based on university feedback, Board staff proposes reclassifying the Florida Institute of Oceanography and University Press, two Academic Infrastructure and Support Organizations, as university institutes. This will allow for more operational flexibility and provide more opportunities for the institutes to compete for additional federal funding.

This change will allow the Board to propose a repeal of Regulation 10.014, Academic Infrastructure and Support Organizations.

If approved by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors, the amended regulation will be available for public comment for 14 days. If no concerns are raised during that time, the regulation will come before the Board of Governors for final approval at the next meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included:

In Academic and Student Affairs
Committee Materials