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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathy Hebda

DATE: December 11, 2024

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code, Civic Literacy Competency

On November 20, 2024, the State Board of Education (SBOE) approved revisions to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C), Civic Literacy Competency. The rule implements degree requirements for demonstration of civic literacy competency, per Section (s.) 1007.25(5), Florida Statutes, (F.S.). A copy of the rule is attached for your reference.

Currently, Florida College System (FCS) institution students may meet the civic literacy competency course requirement through the successful completion of one of the courses below:

- POSX041 American Government;
- AMHX010 Introductory Survey to 1877; or
- AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877.

The rule amendment adds an additional course, AMS2010 Civil Discourse and the American Political Order, to the rule as an approved course. With the addition of this course, FCS institution students will have four (4) course options to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency. The rule revision also includes technical changes for purposes of clarity and consistency. The amendment to the rule takes effect December 24, 2024.

Each FCS institution should review the statutory requirements and rule revisions and take any necessary action to be consistent with changes, where applicable. After that point, FCS institutions may need to revise existing policies to comply with the provisions.

Additionally, FCS institutions may need to update institutional catalogs and websites, reporting mechanisms, and inform academic advisors of the new options.

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Please contact Dr. Mike Sfiropoulos, Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, at Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org for questions regarding the rule.

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