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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda 

DATE: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-14.092, Florida Administrative Code, Textbook and Course Material Affordability and Transparency**

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On November 13, 2025, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-14.092, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C), Textbook and Course Material Affordability and Transparency. Implementation of this rule amendment was suspended due to an administrative rule challenge; however, the challenge was dismissed on February 6, 2026, and the rule changes will go into effect March 4, 2026.

The rule sets forth the adoption, posting and reporting requirements for Florida College System (FCS) institutions related to textbook and course materials, in accordance with criteria set forth in Section (s.) 1004.085, Florida Statutes (F.S.). A copy of the rule is attached for your reference.

As background to the current rule amendment, the amendment incorporates syllabi, posting and reporting requirements that are necessary to capture certain recent changes made to general education and teacher preparation courses. To operationalize these changes and to promote increased transparency for current and prospective students, the Division of Florida Colleges and the Florida Board of Governors worked together to amend and align the rule and regulation, respectively, to the extent possible.

Accordingly, Rule 6A-14.092, F.A.C., was amended. Regarding the approved amendment, there is an overall restructuring of the rule for consistency and clarity. Below is a summary of the substantive changes and implementation guidance, where applicable.

- Subsection (1): The purpose statement was updated to reflect informed student choice as a top priority for Florida College System institutions.
- Subsection (2): Edits for the sake of clarity and technical edits were made.
- Subsection (3): The original paragraphs (4)(a) and (c) were relocated to subsection (3) to consolidate the two paragraphs since both paragraphs outline the same posting requirements, and the original paragraph (4)(b) was stricken as it is no longer necessary.
- Subsection (3)(a): Specific requirements were included for consistency instead of simply citing the statute reference.
- Subsection (3)(a)1.: A new criterion was added to the requirement for the list to be searchable by general education course status.

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- Subsection (3)(b): The provision for the list to be easily accessible from the institution’s consumer information website was relocated from the original paragraph (4)(a).
- Subsection (3)(d): Updated for clarity.
- Subsection (4): A new provision was added for syllabi to be publicly accessible and downloadable by current and prospective students, and references to “general education core course” syllabi were removed to set forth the requirement that the syllabi of all courses should adhere to the posting requirements to comport with the emphasis on student transparency.
- Subsection (4)(a)(1-5): New provisions were added requiring more specificity to inform students of the syllabi requirements, and technical edits were made.
- Subsection (4)(c): Updated for clarity.
- Subsection (5): A new provision was added that excludes certain types of courses from the requirements.
- Subsection (6)(e),(f): References limiting transparency to “general education core course” syllabi were removed.

As a point of clarification, subparagraph (4)(a)4 of the rule reads “Student assignments, including at a minimum, the assignment title, a brief narrative description of the assignment, and, if applicable, any required readings.” There is nothing preventing instructors from making modifications to student assignments in the syllabi to adapt instruction based on student performance and emerging needs or due to other unforeseen changes after the syllabi have been posted in compliance with the 45-day requirement. For syllabi modified after the start of the 45-day requirement, changes must be explicitly outlined and provided in writing to the class before the changes go into effect.

Reporting Requirement:

The new requirements will be incorporated into the Florida College System Affordability Report Template as part of the annually required reporting. More information regarding changes to the reporting template is forthcoming.

Action Required:

FCS institutions should review the statutory requirements and rule revisions and take any necessary action to be consistent with changes where applicable. Changes should be in place for the Fall 2026 semester.

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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Attachment

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