

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

October 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A.10.030, Other Assessment Procedures for College-Level Communication and Computation Skills

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Specific Authority – Section 1001.02(1)(2)n, Florida Statutes.

The rewrite of the School Code and the constitutional changes in education governance have made the revision of this rule a necessity.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Adoption of the rule revisions by both the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors will relieve the burden of “counting words” for institutions and ease student transfer across institutions while maintaining high standards for the completion of the general education requirements.

This rule and the proposed amendments directly relate to the strategic plan in a number of ways. First, the rule directly supports one of the four goals of the State Board of Education – Seamless Articulation and Maximum Access. In addition, Strategic Imperative #8 addresses the need for the State Board of Education and the Board of Governors to collaborate to provide world-class higher education opportunities. The parallel adoption of this rule by both boards serves to preserve articulation policy in Florida, thereby supporting the idea of collaboration.

This rule has gone through an extensive revision process led by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC). The ACC Standing Committee on Statewide Policies and Guidance (a committee consisting of K-20 education professionals from around the state) held two 3-hour meetings in November 2004 and February 2005 to discuss proposed revisions to the rule. During this process, input from various constituent groups was solicited and legal counsel was also consulted. In May 2005, the committee held a third workshop and approved the recommendations for revision. These recommendations were forward to the full ACC for approval. The ACC approved the committee recommendations at its May 25, 2005 meeting. *See attachment for details regarding the specific changes proposed.

Supporting Documentation Included: Rule 6A-10.030, Other Assessment Procedures for College-Level Communication and Computation Skills and Summary of proposed changes

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