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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda 

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SUBJECT: **Approval of Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Civic Literacy Competency**

On May 29, 2024, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-10.02413, F.A.C., Civic Literacy Competency. The rule implements degree requirements for demonstration of civic literacy competency, per section 1007.25(5), Florida Statutes. A copy of the rule is attached for your reference.

Prior to the rule changes, Florida College System (FCS) institution students could demonstrate competency in civic literacy through the successful completion of a course (POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877) and by achieving a passing score on one of the following assessments:

- AP Government and Politics: United States;
- AP United States History;
- CLEP: American Government; or
- the Florida Civic Literacy Exam (FCLE).

The rule amendment adds an additional course (AMHX010 Introductory Survey to 1877) and an additional assessment (CLEP: History of the United States I) to the rule. As a result, FCS institution students have an additional course and assessment option to demonstrate postsecondary civic literacy competency. The rule revision also includes technical changes for purposes of clarity and consistency.

Each FCS institution should review the statutory requirements and rule revisions and take any necessary action to be consistent with changes, where applicable, including revising existing policies, updating institutional catalogs, websites and reporting mechanisms; and informing 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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