



### **Statewide Email**

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**FROM:** Kathy Hebda  
**TO:** FCS Presidents  
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**CC:**  
**SUBJECT:** Textbook Affordability Workgroup Charter

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Earlier this year, as a result of operational audit findings from 2017 to 2019 conducted by the auditor general (AG), the FLDOE inspector general (IG) engaged the Division of Florida Colleges (DFC) in a consultation of textbook affordability in the Florida College System (FCS). The objective of the IG's consulting engagement was to identify the reasons for the AG's findings of noncompliance for the purpose of assisting the DFC in providing guidance to the FCS institutions. The IG recommended the division update Rule 6A-14.092, Florida Administrative Code, and develop more explicit technical assistance to support FCS institutional compliance with textbook affordability requirements.

To that end, we are seeking institutional representatives to serve as members of the workgroup. By December 11, please reply to this email to nominate academic affairs, student affairs, business affairs and faculty from your institution. We will be looking for a diversity of experience and expertise to help achieve the following objectives:

- Establish a definition of wide cost variance.
- Establish a definition of high enrollment courses.
- Specify reasonable exceptions to the 45-day window of posting required course materials.
- Identify best practices for bookstore contracts as they relate to timely posting of course materials.

Additional information about the charge of the workgroups and the anticipated timeline is attached. Please contact Dr. Mike Sfiropoulos, Director of Academic Affairs, at [Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org](mailto:Mike.Sfiropoulos@fldoe.org) or 850-245-9523 with questions.

We look forward to your college's engagement in this process.

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1 Attachment