

Item: AS: A-6

### Tuesday, June 4, 2019

SUBJECT: REQUEST TO AMEND REGULATION 2.001, ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND ENROLLMENT LIMITATIONS

#### PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve amendments to FAU Regulation 2.001, Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University seeks to amend FAU Regulation 2.001, Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations. The purpose of this amendment is to reflect compliance with Board of Governors' admission criteria for first-time-in-college (FTIC) undergraduate applicants, including applicants for alternative admission, and the consideration of an applicant's past misconduct or criminal history. The proposed changes are summarized as follows:

- 1. Articulates the University's practice of establishing and publishing undergraduate admission criteria annually in the University Catalog, including factors that may be considered for alternative admission, consistent with Board of Governors Regulations.
- 2. Outlines the University's practice for consideration of past misconduct or criminal history of an applicant, consistent with Board of Governors' Regulations, and identifies the types of evidence that may be required by the Admissions Review Board, including, but not limited to, student conduct records, police reports and court records. Also requires the University to publish criteria and guidelines for evaluation of an applicant's past misconduct or criminal history in the University Catalog.

#### IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

If approved by the Board, the regulation will be submitted to the Board of Governors for final approval and implementation beginning in the Fall 2019 semester.

**Supporting Documentation:** Text of proposed amended Regulation 2.001

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## Florida Atlantic University

# Regulation 2.001 Admission Requirements and Enrollment Limitations

- (1) Florida Atlantic University admission requirements are codified in Florida Statutes, Florida Board of Governors' Regulations and FAU regulations and policies.
- (2) Enrollment Limitations. Chapter 6 of the Board of Governors' Regulations describes the establishment of enrollment plans for state universities. Consistent with the applicable regulation(s), Florida Atlantic University shall manage the resulting enrollment plans to meet planned enrollment. Procedures for meeting planned enrollment involve all aspects of enrollment management.
  - a. Priorities for admission are established as follows:
    - i. First-time-in-college (freshmen) students and transfers from Florida public colleges and state universities who have earned an Associate of Arts (AA) degree.
    - ii. Transfers from Florida public colleges and state universities who have earned an Associate of Science (AS) degree in a field specifically covered by either a statewide or university articulation agreement.
    - iii. Transfers from Florida public colleges and state universities who have successfully completed at least 60 credit hours, including 36 hours of general education.
    - iv. Other transfers. Transfers with fewer than 60 hours must meet freshmen admissions requirements as referenced above.
  - b. Priorities for registration are as follows:
    - i. Current, degree-seeking students.
    - ii. Former returning, degree-seeking students in good standing.
    - iii. New degree-seeking students.
    - iv. Non-degree students on a space available basis and all others.
  - c. Florida Atlantic University may designate programs registered and approved by the Board of Governors as limited access programs.
- (3) To the extent required by state law and Board of Governors' Regulations, the University shall adopt, maintain and publish a policy and process that enables students who are or were eligible members of the United States Armed Forces to earn appropriate academic college credit for college-level training and education acquired in the military.
- (3) The University shall establish standard First-time-in-college (FTIC) undergraduate admission criteria in accordance with state law and Board of Governors Regulations, which shall be published annually in the University Catalog.

- (4) To the extent provided by state law and Board of Governors Regulations, FTIC applicants who are not eligible for standard admission may be considered for alternative admission in which a variety of additional factors are considered.
  - a. These additional factors include, but are not limited to:
    - i. Family educational background;
    - ii. Socioeconomic status;
    - iii. Status as a graduate of a low-performing high school;
    - iv. Status as a graduate of an international baccalaureate program;
    - v. Geographical location; and/or
    - vi. Special talents.
  - b. These additional factors shall not include preferences in the admission process for applicants on the basis of race, national origin, or sex.
  - c. Applicants may be admitted pursuant to an assessment of the factors stated above if, in the judgement of an appropriate University committee, there is sufficient evidence that the applicant can be expected to succeed at the University.
  - d. The number of FTIC students admitted through alternative admission shall be determined by the University Provost and the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management and reported to the Board of Trustees on an annual basis.
- (5) Consistent with state law and Board of Governors Regulations, consideration shall be given to the past actions of any person applying for admission when such actions have been found to disrupt or interfere with the orderly conduct, processes, functions, or programs of any other university, college or community college. If determined to be in the best interest of the University to deny admission or enrollment to an applicant because of the applicant's past misconduct on or off campus, the University may do so consistent with state and federal law.
  - a. Criteria and guidelines for evaluation of past misconduct or criminal history shall be published in the University Catalog.
  - b. Prospective students with qualifying past misconduct or criminal history, as defined in the University Catalog, will be reviewed by the University's Admissions Review Board (ARB), and must submit a full statement of relevant facts and provide any information requested by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, the Registrar, or the Graduate College, including but not limited to student conduct records, police reports, and court records.
  - c. Prospective students whose applications are denied by the Admissions Review
    Board may request review of the denial by the Office of the University Provost.
    The request for review must be submitted to the Office of Admissions for

undergraduate applicants, the Office of the Registrar for non-degree or transient applications, or the Graduate College for graduate applicants within two weeks of the date of the notice of denial. The submission must include the basis for the additional review and any additional documentation for consideration by the Office of the Provost. The decision of the Provost or designee shall be final.

d. Consideration of any qualifying past misconduct or criminal history shall also be required for all continuing education and/or certificate programs that have a duration of more than five (5) weeks and require physical attendance on any campus of the University, or that lead to licensure or professional certification.

Specific Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const.; 1001.706, F.S. Law Implemented 1006.735, F.S. Formerly 6C5-2.01 and 6C5-2.001. History—New 10-1-75, Amended 5-24-76, 8-23-79, 11-1-82, 11-8-06, 6-11-13-, 6-4-19.