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MEMORANDUM

TO: State University Admissions Directors and Registrars
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FROM: Heather R. Sherry, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: *Florida Residency Guidelines for Tuition Purposes*

As a result of the efforts of the Statewide Residency Committee, which included seeking extensive input from college and university registrars, admissions officers, and financial aid directors, the *Florida Residency Guidelines for Tuition Purposes* were adopted by the Articulation Coordinating Committee (ACC) on September 6, 2006. The newly revised residency guidelines can be found online at FACTS.org at http://www.facts.org/html_sw/residencyGuidelines.html. You may also access the guidelines through the main page of FACTS.org by clicking on the "Advising Manuals" tab.

The residency guidelines are intended to be used by Florida's public community colleges and state universities in determining residency for tuition purposes and by authorized independent colleges and universities in determining eligibility for state financial aid programs. Institutions should follow these guidelines when making residency determinations for the spring semester 2007, and thereafter.

The *Florida Residency Guidelines for Tuition Purposes* document is considered to be a "living document" that will periodically be updated as input from stakeholders is received and additional pertinent information is gathered. Any future changes must be approved by the ACC and will be communicated statewide with an appropriate effective date.

In addition, State Board of Education (SBE) Rules and Board of Governors (BOG) Regulations relating to residency for tuition purposes are currently under review. Although the ACC has approved the recommendations proposed by the Statewide Residency Committee, no changes to SBE Rule or BOG

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Regulations will be made until final approval has been granted by both boards. Therefore, current SBE Rules and BOG regulations relating to residency for tuition purposes remain in effect until further notice.

For questions relating to the revised residency guidelines or proposed changes to the residency rules/regulations, please contact:

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