SOUTH FLORIDA State College

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

EXHIBIT "G"

Item 8.2

PRESENT TO BOARD: SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS

SUBJECT: TEXTBOOK AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AFFORDABILITY

1004.085, F.S. (Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability) was amended during the 2016 Legislative Session to require posting of the local cost and identifying information of at least 95% of all textbooks and instructional materials required and recommended for each scheduled class at least 45 days prior to the start of each upcoming term. Follett, our bookstore partner, has worked closely with our faculty and staff to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Additionally, the amendment requires each college to review variances in the cost of textbooks and instructional materials required for each course, by course section and the percentage of textbooks and instructional materials that remain in use for more than one term (can be used or resold by the student) and to share the results with academic department chairs and program staff for review. The goal is to reduce the cost of required textbooks and instructional materials per course section.

The following was determined during the examination of textbooks and instructional materials for all general education courses offered during the 2026 fiscal year:

- Each department chair is integrally involved in the textbook and instructional materials adoption process for each course.

- Of 2,654 course sections, 2,598 adopted textbooks before the deadline, equating to 97.9% overall compliance. Fall 2025 had a compliance percentage of 97.1%, Spring 2026 had a compliance percentage of 98.7%, and Summer 2026 had a compliance percentage of 97.7%.

- South Florida State College (SFSC) adheres to internal Procedure No. 4041, which dictates use of adopted textbooks and instructional materials for a period of at least three years or until the edition changes, whichever occurs first.

- SFSC utilizes several recognized cost reducing efforts, including:
  - Open Educational Resources
  - Textbook Affordability Committees
  - Textbook Rentals
  - Offering Programs with no Textbook Costs

- SFSC considers the following factors when selecting materials:
  - Purchasing digital textbooks in bulk
  - Expanding the use of open-access materials
  - Providing rental options for textbooks and related materials
  - Increasing the availability and use of affordable digital textbooks and learning objects
  - Developing mechanisms to assist in buying, renting, selling, and sharing textbooks
  - The length of time that textbooks and instructional materials are expected to remain in use.

- The SFSC Foundation has provided Innovation Grant funding to faculty members for review of OER materials that may be utilized in the classroom for a greater cost-savings to students.

- SFSC utilized open educational resources for 2.41% of all FY2026 course sections which required instructional materials.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the report of Textbook and Instructional Materials Affordability as required by 1004.85, F.S., as presented.