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Subject: Revisions to Program Regulations

Dear Colleague:

The following is information regarding revisions to the 2016-2017 (FY 2017) Program Regulations. The Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) and the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) Boards approved revisions to the Program Regulations at their February 3, 2017 Board meeting. The revisions are effective Fall Term 2017.

2016-2017 HOPE Scholarship (Public and Private) and Zell Miller Scholarship Program Regulations

Sections 105.12, 205.12 and 4005.11 have been added to provide information about the approved postsecondary STEM courses to be given an additional 0.5 weight in the postsecondary GPA calculation for HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships. The approved courses, effective Fall Term 2017 (FY 2018), are listed in the STEM Weighted Course Directory on GAfutures.org.

2016-2017 Move On When Ready Program Regulations

The revision is a footnote regarding the *Length of Eligibility*, Section 1605.2, to clarify that students pursuing a documented Alternative Graduation Plan (SB2) prior to Fall term 2016 (FY 2017) remain eligible to participate in MOWR while continuing on the plan during high school enrollment.

All 2016-2017 Program Regulations

The Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) section in each of the Program Regulations has been revised to allow for eligible institutions to establish an appeal process for students with dual enrollment credit that fail to meet the quantitative standard (pace) for degree completion, yet meet the qualitative standard. The quantitative standard is generally identified as 150 percent of the published length of the program.

The revised Program Regulations will be posted at www.gsfc.org by February 10, 2017. A link to the Program Regulations can also be found at www.GAfutures.org under "Shortcuts."

If you have any questions relating to the revisions of the Regulations, please contact Pennie Strong, Vice President, Student Aid Services, at 770.724.9014 or pennies@gsfc.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Ryan".

Shawn Ryan