Update from Frank T. Brogan, Chancellor
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First, let me offer the most sincere appreciation to everyone who played a role in this year’s round of Board of Trustees appointments. No doubt you will agree that this is among the most important duties granted to the Board of Governors since these Trustees will help guide the future of our member institutions. Everyone — from board chairs to presidents, candidates and staff — exhibited the highest level of dedication throughout this effort. The State University System is fortunate to have so many committed individuals working to elevate our universities and the mission we all share.

Here is an update on some other topics:

Medical Education
In a few weeks, Chair McDevitt and I will lead a delegation to D.C. to meet with key members of Congress in an effort to increase the number of residency slots that are allocated to Florida. Our hope is to have a dialogue regarding the importance of including funding for additional residencies in the health care bill that is currently under development. As you may know, there are also a number of surplus residencies that are slated to be reapportioned, and we will propose the majority of those slots should go to growth states that demonstrate the greatest need, including Florida. Traveling with us will be a cross-representation of individuals who can speak about the issue of medical residencies from their own perspectives. The other attendees include:

- Senator Durell Peaden, M.D.
- Ana Viamonte Ros, M.D., Florida Surgeon General
- John Peyton, Mayor of Jacksonville
- T.K. Wetherell, President, FSU
- Stephen Klasko, Dean, USF College of Medicine
- Bruce Rueben, President, Florida Hospital Association
- Ralph Glatfelter, Sr. Vice President, Florida Hospital Association

Space and Aerospace
This week, I called on the Lieutenant Governor and representatives from the space/aerospace industry to discuss what role higher education should play as
the industry transforms itself for the future. No doubt, our universities are fertile
ground for research and development that will be critical in this process, and it is
important we begin the dialogue now. We are working with industry leaders to
arrange a day-long meeting at the Cape to allow for an exchange of ideas and
begin discussions regarding how we can move forward together.

**BOG/SBE Joint Workshop**
We are finalizing the details for the upcoming joint workshop of the State Board
of Education and the Board of Governors, which will be held in conjunction with
the Council of 100. The workshop will take place November 12 at 10:30 – 1 p.m.
at Scripps Florida, which is located on Florida Atlantic University’s campus in
Jupiter, Florida. Please be sure to let Mikey know if you plan to attend.
REMINDER: There will be a short BOG meeting at 10 a.m., just prior to the joint
workshop, so the BOG can consider final approval of BOG Regulation 2.002 -
University Work Plans and Annual Reports. We continue to work with staff from
the House, Senate and Governor’s Office as we fine tune the accountability
dashboard to ensure the annual reports and work plans meet — or exceed —
their expectations.

**Community Outreach**
Several opportunities have arisen for me to meet with groups regarding our
efforts to position the State University System as a catalyst for transforming
Florida’s economy. The message has been well received by all sectors, which is
significant as we build a coalition to advance the importance of predictable
funding, greater accountability, and comprehensive strategic planning throughout
all of higher education. Since my last update to you, I have spoken before groups
at: The Brogan Museum, Florida Chamber’s Innovation Caucus, Articulation
Coordinating Committee, Tallahassee Tiger Bay, and Leadership Florida.

**Legislative Update**
We are working to develop greater collaboration among our member institutions
in order to strengthen the position of the SUS both in D.C. and here at home.
Toward that goal, governmental relations staff members from around the SUS
are in Tallahassee today to meet with the BOG Washington lobbyists.
Meanwhile, here in Tallahassee, members of the Legislature are back in town
this week for committee meetings. BOG staff will speak before the House and
Senate appropriations committees regarding how the State University System
dealt with the budget cuts of recent years and how future cuts would affect the
system. During the course of the week, I will also meet one-on-one with several
members of the Legislature, as we continue to reach out regarding issues such
as predictable funding and greater accountability.

**Coming Up…**
Here are some meetings/events that are coming up in the next few weeks:
- We will be meeting with staff from the Governor’s budget office to discuss
  the LBR
• The Bio Florida Conference will be held November 6th in Orlando, and I have been asked to speak about the growing role of biotech research
• Prior to next week's joint workshop in Palm Beach, I will be meeting with the leadership of the Council of 100