SUBJECT: Emergency Management Task Force: Final Recommendations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Accept Recommendations for Further Review by Chancellor Mark B. Rosenberg

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Not Applicable

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In March 2006, Chancellor Mark B. Rosenberg appointed the State University System (SUS) Emergency Management Task Force (EMTF) and charged it with making recommendations for a more comprehensive approach to meeting emergency management needs of our universities. Emergencies include but are not limited to hurricanes and other natural disasters, acts of terrorism as well as the Avian Flu. Given the breath and scope of the SUS community of students and faculty and its vast number of facilities, the integrity of our emergency management system is critical to the SUS since it is an economic driver for the state of Florida.

Preliminary recommendations were shared with the BOG in June, 2006. They included:
- A dedicated emergency management position at each university
- Creation of an Emergency Management Trust Fund
- SUS collaborations and procurement agreements

The final set of recommendations made to the Board will support the preliminary recommendations and offer a path for addressing emergency management within the SUS.

Supporting Documentation Included: October 30, 2006, memorandum to Chancellor Mark B. Rosenberg from EMTF Chair Sandra Flake; September 1, 2006, memorandum to the Presidents from Chancellor Rosenberg

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