SUBJECT: 2013 Operating Budget

PROPOSED FOUNDATION ACTION

Approve the 2013 operating budget for the Board Foundation.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOUNDATION, INC. ACTION

Florida Board of Governors Foundation, Inc. by-laws

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Foundation operates on a calendar year basis pursuant to an approved operating budget. The approval of an impending year’s proposed budget takes place at the last meeting of the current calendar year. The proposed budget represents a continuation of educational initiatives and activities of the Foundation.

During the 2012 year the Foundation has been very active in supporting activities of the Chancellor and the Board and most notably providing funds to the universities in support of student scholarships. In addition, the Board has supported activities associated with the Higher Education Coordinating Council, the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees, and other system initiatives.

In December 2006 the Board received a generous donation from the Helios Foundation. The investment earnings from this endowment support first generation scholarships. During this year the Board’s Foundation distributed $118,000 in investment earnings to the university foundations to support first generation students. In addition, the Foundation managed and will distribute approximately $600,000 in Theodore and Vivian Johnson Scholarships which support disabled students attending a state university and have a demonstrated financial need.

The 2012 amended budget adopted by the Foundation is generally on track. Due to a higher number of meetings held during the year, the Foundation has exceeded its projected meeting budget. For revenues, the state was unable to match the Johnson Foundation gift as outlined in statute. Expenditures will be approximately seven
percent more than anticipated primarily because of additional scholarship funds awarded. A copy of the 2012 budget and year-to-date and estimated annual expenditures is attached.

The 2013 budget proposed is consistent with previous year’s budgets. Given the state’s revenue picture, it is doubtful the State will be able to match the Johnson Foundation’s annual gift, thus the revenue is not being included in the budget. Expenditures are expected to be approximately the same.

Attached is the Foundation’s 2011 audited financial statement indicating compliance with generally accepted accounting procedures.


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