STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Shared System Resources - Art Programs Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information and approval of the Shared System Resources – Art Programs Legislative Budget Request

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

New College of Florida (NCF) directly adjoins the Florida State University (FSU) Sarasota campus at the intersection of US-41 and University Parkway. This shared campus location has a high public profile, including such resources as the John and Mabel Ringling Museum of Art, the Ringling Education Center, the Historic Asolo Theater, the Asolo Repertory Theater, the FSU/Asolo Conservatory for Actor Training, New Music New College, Mildred Sainer Music and Arts Pavilion, the New College Black Box Theatre, and the Jane Bancroft Cook Library. A 2011 report by Americans for the Arts found that the arts in Sarasota County provide 4,579 full-time jobs (double the average for counties this size) and inject $180,000,000 into the local economy (more than three times the national average).

Educational programs offered by FSU and NCF provide the foundation for public engagement associated with the museums and theaters on the adjoining campuses. The two institutions seek $483,840 to expand their programs to address anticipated student demand and increase engagement with the community. Key elements of the proposal include:

- FSU will expand its graduate program in Museum Studies, taking full advantage of the resources of the Ringling Museum.
- A joint position in Asian Art will be established for the Ringling Museum’s new Center for Asian Art and instruction to NCF students.
- Graduate students from the Asolo Conservatory will supervise theatrical activities for NCF students as part of a teaching practicum.
- The NCF and Ringling Museum libraries will coordinate efforts and serve students and faculty of both institutions.
- A joint Artist-in-Residence program will support the NCF studio arts program and the Ringling Museum.
- FSU doctoral students in Museum Education will complete half of their coursework at the Sarasota campus, teaching undergraduate NCF classes.
- NCF and FSU will develop a 3+2 program in Arts Administration.
- FSU and NCF will share services and facilities resulting in increased administrative efficiency and reduction in cost.

Supporting Documentation Included:  
Shared System Resources – Art Programs LBR Form 1

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