Shared Academic Resources
$3.5 M

Council of Academic Vice Presidents
Budget Request
A Single LBR with 3 Complementary Components

- SUS Press of Florida – investing in the production of textbooks, e-books, and e-journals
- Florida Academic Repository (FLARE) – SUS collaboration at a high density library storage facility. De-duplicates library holdings. Frees up campus library space. Reduces per volume storage cost. Reduces acquisition costs.
- Collaborative purchases of STEM e-journals. Critical for the graduate education, research, and tech transfer enterprises. Reduces costs across the system. Addresses allocation inequity among universities.
Addresses 2012-2025
BOG Strategic Plan Goals

- Improves the quality and impact of scholarship, research, and commercialization activities of the system
- Seek ways to organize and collaborate for increased efficiencies and a stronger System and State
SUS Press of Florida

Functions:
- Publishes scholarly books sold in 117 countries
- Co-founder of Orange Grove Text Plus (OGT+) – an open-access textbook initiative created to reduce the high costs of instructional materials
- Engaged in a joint project to create scientific journals to replace very expensive commercial journals

Request:
- $330K non-recurring to update antiquated data systems
- 1 position & $180,037 to expand OGT+
- 1 position & $180,037 for the scientific e-journals project
SUS Press Return on Investment

- Note: it has been 21 years since the last major State investment into SUS Press infrastructure

- ROI:
  - Savings of $135,000 currently paid to outside vendors by moving from software-based system to web-based system
  - Reduction in student debt – e.g. UF Calculus 1 e-text ($230 vs. $75 = 67% reduction per student per course)
  - The Open Access Text Initiative will provide relief to SUS students from commercial publishers who raise prices 5% to 10% per year
Florida Academic Repository (FLARE)

- **Function:**
  - Provides a central repository for SUS libraries to maintain **one** hard copy of library materials. Required by law in order to circulate electronic copies.

- **Requests:**
  - Provide an interim service until a permanent facility is constructed ($1.1M) Interim facility is currently managed and operated by UF on behalf of SUS ($483,700 for staffing; $460,210 for rent; $168,888 for utilities/expenses)
  - Provide $18M in Fixed Capital Outlay funding in the 2015 Legislative session to begin construction of the permanent facility ($2M in planning funds received in 2010)
    - **Note:** This project is Shovel-Ready
FLARE Return on Investment

- **ROI:**
  - Houses one copy of library materials for use throughout SUS. Allows e-copies to be circulated.
  - Liberates considerable space for instructional purposes.
    - E.g., by moving library materials for FLARE, UF liberated 26,000 square feet of space that was renovated into student study space for 700 students.
  - Instead of each library buying materials, the SUS needs to buy only single copies
  - Storage cost per volume reduced 80% from $4.26 to $.86 per volume
SUS Joint Use Library Storage Facility - Managed by UF
$26.7 M
ROI

- One of the greatest efficiencies the SUS could achieve is the construction of a Joint-Use Library Storage Facility to provide for the de-duplication of certain library holdings across the SUS while freeing up much-needed space on campus for other purposes.
  - Example: UF’s Marston Science Library emptied one floor of low use materials and 26,000 square feet of valuable space has been converted to student study space that serves 700 students.
- This project is a high-density “Shared Services” facility which will provide archival storage for 5.2M volumes of library materials for benefit of all State Universities (12) and State Colleges (28).
- This project creates opportunities for removal of low circulation books and journals from all SUS libraries while ensuring continued access through the Statewide Library Ground Delivery Service.
- Savings are realized because the SUS would only need to retain 1 copy of an item to ensure availability to users throughout the SUS and State College system.
- Operational efficiency is realized per volume due to moving from open stacks to HDF storage (an 80% cost reduction from $4.26/volume to $.86 per volume)

DEMAND METRICS

- For some books, federal copyright law requires that one print copy must be maintained in order for an electronic copy to be shared across the SUS; this facility would store those print copies.
- Managing relatively low-use, but valuable, items centrally is consistent with Best Practices developing regionally and nationally.
- The SUS shared collection is officially created as the FLorida Academic REpository (FLARE).
- The Joint-Use Facility consists of 2 parts: 42,000 GSF of renovated space and 40,000 GSF of new space.
- Originally funded in 2010, Design is complete through 100% Construction Documents and all internal and external (GRU, SFM) reviews are complete.
- Anticipated construction start date: August 2015.
- Estimated completion: 18 to 24 months after construction begins.
- This project is “Shovel Ready.”

REQUEST

Total project budget: $26.7 M
- Prior funding: 2.0 M
- Current Request: 18.0 M
- Remaining Need: 6.7 M
Collaborative Purchase of STEM e-Journals

- Critical for graduate education, research, and tech transfer
- Not purchased by FLVC
- Library budgets currently inadequate to meet demand
- Costs have been escalating at 5%-10% per year due to monopoly practices of publishers. Federal government is addressing situation, but their efforts will take at least five years
- Increased pressure on library budgets and some inequitable allocations within the SUS
- $1.7M per year for each of the next three years will address the inequity and relieve the pressure.