SUBJECT: Council for Academic Vice Presidents’ Legislative Budget Request for Shared Academic Resources

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consideration for Approval

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Innovation and Online Committee will consider for approval three Legislative Budget Requests from the Council for Academic Vice Presidents.

The SUS Press of Florida, known as the University Press of Florida, is the scholarly publishing arm of the State University System. The CAVP is requesting that the Committee consider recommending funding for the following issues for the UPF:

- Inventory and asset management system $ 330,000
- Orange Grove Texts Plus editor 227,037
- Joint e-journals project 133,037

The Florida Academic Repository (FLARE) will be the high density library storage facility for the shared SUS collection of 5.2 million print volumes. Because construction funding has been delayed, UF leased an interim storage facility on behalf of all universities in the SUS. Requested funds will be used to pay the lease until the facility can be built. In addition, funds are needed to pay costs associated with receiving, processing, and making available the shared collection. Funds requested by the CAVP are:

- Rent, utilities, operating expenses $ 629,098
- Staff $ 483,700
Collaborative Purchasing of e-journals has been occurring in the SUS for many years. To supplement e-resources provided by the Florida Virtual Campus, state universities have been contributing toward the purchase of STEM graduate/research e-journals which are too expensive for any university to purchase on its own and which are made available to faculty and students across the system. According to the CAVP, the current funding of these e-journals is highly inequitable across the institutions and the requested funds will be used, in part, to address these conditions. The CAVP has indicated that these e-journals service STEM graduate education and research enterprise; they are not available through the Florida Virtual Campus. Funds would be allocated in an equitable manner among the institutions.

- Collaborative purchasing $1,700,000

Supporting Documentation Included: CAVP LBR Request for Shared Academic Resources – Form I

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