This committee reported their proposed Education budget this evening. The following highlights for the State University System include:

**Overall:**
- Recommends a $102.4 million (5.1%) increase over the 2004-2005 recurring base appropriation. However, the recommendation is $110.3 million (4.9%) under the total 2004-2005 state appropriation.
- Recommends a 7.5% tuition increase for all levels. Universities would have discretion to increase graduate and out-of-state student tuition above 7.5%. A 7.5% tuition increase would generate approximately $52 million.
- Re-institutes the appropriation of student tuition budget authority.

**University Specific Funding Issues:**
- Enrollment growth funding for 7,292 full-time equivalent students - $31.6 million (BOG requested $78 million. The recommendation would fund 40.4% of the BOG request.)
- FSU medical school - $3.3 million (fully funds BOG request)
- FAMU law school - $3.5 million (fully funds BOG request)
- Plant Operations & Maintenance for New Space - $8.7 million (fully funds this issue)
- Office for Civil Rights Agreement (FAMU) - $1.5 million (fully funds BOG request)
- Major Gift Matching - $41.9 million (BOG requested $32 m)
- Centers of Excellence - $1 million. This is a placeholder (BOG requested $20 m)
- IFAS Extension / Workload - $1.7 million ($1.6 million requested by BOG)
- FGCU Engineering School - $2.2 million (part of the BOG academic enhancements issue)
- Colombian Studies Institute (FIU) - $50,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- Institute of Human & Machine Cognition (UWF) - $500,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- FAU/UM Medical Partnership - $2 million (BOG requested $200,000)
- Forestry Education (IFAS) - $650,000 (part of the BOG academic enhancements issue)
- Urban Reading Research (FIU) - $100,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- Academic Technology Enhancements (NCF) - $550,000 (part of the BOG academic enhancements issue)
- Sciences Center Institute of Sports Medicine & Athletic Treatment (USF) - $500,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- Fort Walton Operations Combs Project (UWF) - $500,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- Cattle Feed Efficiency Nutrient Management (IFAS) - $500,000 (part of the BOG critical needs issue)
- IFAS Agricultural Program - $250,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- Critical Jobs Initiative (Nursing & Teaching Program) - $5,000,000 (part of the BOG critical needs issue)
- Moffitt Cancer Center Funding Increase - $700,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)