

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
September 27, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** 2007-2008 State University System Operating Budget

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the 2007-2008 State University System Operating Budget.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Specific Authority: Subsection (d) of Section 7 of Article IX, Education, of the Constitution of Florida as amended. Board of Governors' Master Powers and Duties, Section II(2).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Each state university is required to submit a detailed operating plan for each budget entity for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The State University System operating budget consists of five different budget entities; 1) Educational and General, 2) Contracts and Grants, 3) Auxiliary Enterprises, 4) Local Funds, and 5) Faculty Practice Plans.

The growth in the various budget entities reported by the universities is largely due to additional contract and grant research activities, annual payments to meet debt service on new bond issues, maintenance and repair of existing facilities, financial aid increases and other service related operations.

1. The Educational and General Budget Entity (E&G) includes the allocation of funds appropriated by the 2007 Legislature, student tuition and other previously appropriated funds. The E&G budget entity contains resources that provide educational opportunities to citizens through instructional programs; research directed toward solving technical, social and economic problems facing the state and nation; and public service programs. Universities have budget flexibility in the development of the E&G Operating Budget but have to report in the traditional categories.
- 2) The Contracts and Grants budget entity supports research and public service through awards from federal, state, and local sources.

- 3) Auxiliary Enterprises is comprised of ancillary support units such as student housing, food service, bookstores and computer support.
- 4) The Local Funds consist of operating resources for student activities, athletics, concessions, student financial aid and self-insurance programs
- 5) Finally, the Faculty Practice Plans provide for clinical activities associated with the University of Florida, Florida State University and University of South Florida Health Centers.

Each University Board of Trustees has approved an operating budget pursuant to Senate Bill 2800. The universities have developed their operating budgets for each budget entity in accordance with statutory authority and the 2007 General Appropriations Act.

The attached information summarizes the budgetary resources and obligations, including beginning and ending fund balances, recurring and nonrecurring revenues, and operating and non-operating expenditures. Additional detail is available and will be posted to the Board's website.

Staff has reviewed and approved the submissions and recommends approval of the proposed budgets as submitted by the universities and approved by their Board of Trustees.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** State University System Operating Budget  
Summary for 2007-2008

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