

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Research and Economic Development Committee
December 6, 2007**

SUBJECT: FAMU BusinessWeek Honor in Innovation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution, Section 1001.705

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Governor Duncan wished to assure that Committee members were aware that Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) was recently featured in *BusinessWeek* as one of the country's most innovative colleges, making its mark in technology development in a study on technology transfer. The study, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, examined technology transfer results at a number of smaller colleges and universities whose research and development budgets fell far short of the funds expended by larger research-intensive institutions.

The report highlighted FAMU's role in the TechLink project to promote technology transfer at the University and at other historically black colleges and minority-serving institutions. FAMU is particularly known for innovation in certain of its core areas of academic strength, such as pharmaceutical sciences, physics, and environmental science.

Supporting Documentation Included:

None

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