

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

SUBJECT: Approval of Board of Governors Regulation for Institutes and Centers

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Board of Governors Regulation for Institutes and Centers

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The State University System of Florida's policies governing the operation of institutes and centers are currently located in a policy directive dated July 27, 2004. General Counsel recommends conversion of this policy directive to a regulation. The draft regulation includes revisions that the Board made to its Type I Institute and Center Policies at its May 10, 2007 meeting. The Council of Academic Vice Presidents reviewed the draft regulation during its August 27, 2007 conference call, and the proposed regulation was initially noticed at the Board's September 2007 meeting.

The Board of Governors supports the ongoing devolution of authority to the universities, campus-level decision making, and institutional accountability under the constitutional framework established by Floridians for their system of public universities. Once adopted, these regulations will supplant any existing policies and more clearly delineate the authority and responsibilities of the Board of Governors and University Board of Trustees with regard to institutes and centers. The policies and procedures within this regulation are consistent with the recommendations of a recent OPPAGA report on State University System institutes and centers.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Regulation

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