

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
December 6, 2007**

SUBJECT: *Forward By Design*

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For Discussion and Action.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In order to help the Board of Governors orient the State University System for long-term growth and improvement, the Board of Governors Foundation hired the Pappas Consulting Group to evaluate the current structure of the System and to make recommendations for the future. The final report "*Proposing a Blueprint for Higher Education in Florida: Outlining the Way to a Long-term Master Plan for Higher Education in Florida*" was presented to the Board on January 24, 2007.

At the September 27, 2007, meeting of the Board, Chancellor Rosenberg presented his recommendations for how the state could (1) improve institutional and system quality; (2) increase baccalaureate degree production; and (3) provide appropriate and predictable funding. Board members discussed the proposed initiatives, but voted on only the first component under the "improve institutional and system quality" initiative: "Freeze the current number of state universities that offer graduate degrees." The Board decided to revisit the other recommendations at this December meeting.

Subsequent to the September meeting, Board staff sought additional feedback regarding the recommended initiatives from multiple stakeholders. In response to input received from Board members and institutional representatives, staff have drafted several proposed changes for Board consideration. Additionally, staff have identified potential methodologies for beginning to address components of each initiative.

The Board will discuss these initiatives for moving the System forward to meet the state's needs. The Board will provide direction for initial implementation action.

Supporting Documentation Included: To be provided

Facilitator/Presenter: Chancellor Mark B. Rosenberg