

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

SUBJECT: Recommendations from the *Go Higher, Florida!* Task Force

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider Proposal from the Student Affairs Committee Regarding the
Recommendations from the *Go Higher, Florida!* Task Force

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In January of 2007, a Task Force was convened to review and analyze secondary-to-postsecondary alignment issues and to develop policy recommendations for ensuring that students are prepared to succeed in college. This *Go Higher, Florida!* Task Force included the Commissioner of Education; the Chancellors of the State University System, the Division of Community Colleges, the Division of Workforce Education, and the Division of K-12 Public Schools; the Executive Director of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF); vice chancellors; community college presidents; school superintendents; principals; the Director of the Office of Articulation; the Director of the Florida State University Developmental Research School; the Executive Director of the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support (FACTS); and the Chief Executive Officer of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. Additionally, the President of the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) often participated in Task Force meetings.

The goals of the Task Force were to “increase postsecondary readiness via better alignment of secondary/postsecondary curriculum and assessments; decrease the need for postsecondary remediation; and increase postsecondary enrollments and student success in the workplace.” In an effort to address these issues, the Task Force met in Tallahassee on five occasions between January and October of 2007. During these meetings, presentations and discussions focused on the following topics:

- Florida Student Achievement Data.
- High School Reform.
- The “*Go Higher*” Enrollment Campaign.
- Statewide College and Career Readiness.
- Statewide College Readiness School-Based Standards and Assessments.

- Closing the Gap Between High School Graduation and College Readiness.
- Florida’s Education Pipeline.
- Advancing Postsecondary Readiness Across the Nation.
- Standardized Assessments and Competencies.
- The High School Feedback Report.
- Florida’s Sunshine State Standards and World-Class Education Standards.
- Florida High School Success Index.
- The College Board’s *Accuplacer* and Student Success.
- ACT’s College and Work Readiness System for Grades 8-12.
- The American Diploma Project Network.

At their concluding meeting, members of the Task Force agreed upon a series of recommendations. Board of Governors staff will present these recommendations to the Student Affairs Committee, so that Committee members can decide whether to pursue full Board endorsement of the Task Force recommendations.

Supporting Documentation Included: Provided with Committee Materials

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