

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
March 27, 2008**

SUBJECT: Medical Education Status Report

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board staff will report on the status of LCME (Liaison Committee on Medical Education) accreditation for the two newest medical schools at the University of Central Florida and Florida International University.

In August 2007, SUS medical school deans were convened at the direction of the Board of Governors to discuss opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. Even though a substantial amount of collaboration was ongoing, the deans identified five initial areas where greater cooperation and efficiencies might be explored: library collaboration, purchasing, curricular inventorying, actor-patient training, and collaboration on national searches. After further review by the medical schools, it was determined that library collaboration and actor-patient training were the two most viable areas to pursue. The library collaboration project will take advantage of the System-wide synergy found in the SUS Florida Center for Library Automation.

Representatives from the UF, FSU, and USF medical schools will provide a short demonstration of how standardized "patients" are created by their patient-trainer programs, and how they perform in medical education environments. These patient trainers have agreed to assist the UCF and FIU medical schools in training their own patient trainers. This collaboration will result in savings as well as programs of a higher quality.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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UF, FSU, and USF representatives