

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

SUBJECT: The Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the Chancellor's recommendations for the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute as outlined in his February 4, 2008 correspondence.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr., Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute, which sits on the campus of the University of South Florida, was created by the Florida Legislature with its own board to oversee the Center as a not-for-profit corporation and an instrumentality of the State. Per amended statutory language, the Board of Governors is to provide oversight for the Center in several areas including but not limited to a facilities utilization agreement, approval of articles of incorporation, and review of the Center's annual report and operating budget. Governor McDevitt was recently appointed as the Board of Governors Chair's designee to the Byrd Center board and has been very active in reviewing the Center's operations.

In January 2008, Board staff conducted a review of the Center's operations and activities to determine how the Center might realize efficiencies while maximizing its very important research agenda. The attached February 4, 2008 letter from Chancellor Rosenberg to Senators Joyner and Peadar, who have conducted Senate workshops on this topic, outlines findings of the review and includes the Chancellor's recommendations that the Center formally integrate with USF, and that USF receive appropriate and predictable funding to operate the Center. It is likely that the 2008 Legislature will take up the subject of the Center's operation, governance, and funding.

This item was considered and approved by the Board of Governors Research and Economic Development Committee at its March 6, 2008 teleconference.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2/4/08 letter from Chancellor Rosenberg
Section 1004.445, Florida Statutes

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