

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
August 7, 2007

SUBJECT: 2009-2010 State University System and Board of Governors' Operating Legislative Budget Request (LBR)

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve a 2009-2010 operating LBR for the State University System and the Board General Office and allow the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Subsection 7(d) , Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Annually, the Board of Governors must prepare and submit a State University System (SUS) Legislative Budget Request for state appropriated operating funds and a General Office budget request. Both budgets must be reviewed and recommendations made on the issues to be included in the 2009-2010 LBR.

Over the last year the state's economy has seen a slow down in activity. This slow down has resulted in less general revenue available to the state, which has resulted in reductions to almost all areas of state services, including higher education. The amount of general revenue, which is the primary source of revenue for the SUS operations, available for 2009-10 is not expected to be better than 2008-09 revenue.

The proposed Educational and General (E&G) core budget focuses on three main areas; student success, efficiencies gained through shared resources, and the basic funds needed to continue previously approved programs and build the institutional foundation for a world class system. This budget mainly focuses on system priorities, of which many university issues may and will fall under these priorities. The net increase to the E&G core budget is \$177 million (5.3%).

The special units and state initiatives portion of the budget requests \$169 million and focuses on the continued phase-in of the new medical schools, base funding support for existing medical schools, matching funds for private donations, and enhancements to distance learning.

The SUS core education and general (E&G) funding per full-time equivalent (FTE) student has declined from a high of \$14,000 in 1989-1990 to \$11,658 in 2008-2009. The proposed 2009-2010 LBR would increase funding per FTE to \$11,819, a 1.4% increase.

Finally, an LBR for the Board's General Office includes a request for three positions and a modest increase in funds to allow a vacant position to be filled. The General Office has lost nine positions over the last year. This has resulted in a reorganization of the office to make better use of existing resources and staff. The Chancellor has identified some immediate needs which are included in this request.

Supporting Documentation Included: 1) 2009-10 SUS Budget Documentation located behind the Budget Workshop tab
2) 2009-10 Board General Office Budget Request

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