

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
September 25, 2008**

SUBJECT: Legislative Budget Request Follow-Up: 2008-2009 Utility Increases and University Energy Efficiency Measures

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider adoption of a legislative budget request issue for funding 2008-2009 utility increases.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Universities have been notified by their local utility providers that there will be significant increases in their utilities this academic year, with many seeing the first increase in August and a second increase in January. Universities will have to cover the 2008-2009 utility increases with existing funds.

At the August 2008 Budget, Finance and Business Operations Committee meeting the committee recommended that the 2009-2010 legislative budget include a request of \$30 million to cover the annualized increased cost of utilities that the universities will be impacted during this year. The Committee also requested that the universities determine the fiscal impact of utility increases going into effect during 2008-2009 so that the Committee could consider this for inclusion in the legislative budget request. Each university has reviewed the effective date(s) of their utility increases. The utility increase effective dates vary by provider, with some increases effective July, others August, and in some cases an additional increase will be effective in January. The system impact for 2008-2009 is \$24.3 million.

In addition the Committee requested that each university provide information on the energy efficiencies that have been or are being implemented. Attached is a summary from each university that responds to this request.

Supporting Documentation Available: Information behind the Budget, Finance and Business Operations tab.