

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

SUBJECT: 2008-2009 State University System Operating Budget

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the 2008-2009 State University System Operating Budget.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution. Board of Governors' Master Powers and Duties, Section II(2).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each state university is required to submit a detailed operating plan for each budget entity for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. The State University System operating budget consists of five different budget entities; 1) Educational and General, 2) Contracts and Grants, 3) Auxiliary Enterprises, 4) Local Funds, and 5) Faculty Practice Plans.

The growth in expenditures reported by the universities is primarily due to an increase in auxiliary and student support services, student financial aid distributions, maintenance and repair costs of existing facilities and equipment, and additional costs associated with other service related operations.

1. The Educational and General Budget Entity (E&G) includes the allocation of funds appropriated by the 2008 Legislature, student tuition and other previously appropriated funds. The E&G budget entity contains resources that provide educational opportunities to citizens through instructional programs; research directed toward solving technical, social and economic problems facing the state and nation; and public service programs. Universities have budget flexibility in the development of the E&G Operating Budget but have to report in the traditional categories.
- 2) The Contracts and Grants budget entity supports research and public service through awards from federal, state, and local sources.
- 3) Auxiliary Enterprises is comprised of ancillary support units such as student housing, food service, bookstores and computer support.

- 4) The Local Funds consist of operating resources for student activities, athletics, concessions, student financial aid and self-insurance programs.
- 5) Finally, the Faculty Practice Plans provide for clinical activities associated with the University of Florida, Florida State University, University of South Florida and University of Central Florida Health Centers.

Each University Board of Trustees has approved an operating budget. The universities have developed their budgets in accordance with Board Regulation 9.007 - State University System Operating Budgets.

The attached information summarizes the budgetary resources and obligations, including beginning and ending fund balances, recurring and nonrecurring revenues, and operating and non-operating expenditures. Additional detail is available and will be posted to the Board's website.

Staff has reviewed and approved the submissions and recommends approval of the proposed budgets as submitted by the universities and approved by their Board of Trustees.

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

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