

2009 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

BOG ISSUE: Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service (LBARPS)



PROPOSED STATUTORY LANGUAGE: Section 1004.58, F.S.

1004.58 Institute of Science and Public Affairs Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service.--

(1) ~~The~~ There is created the Leadership Board for Applied Research and Public Service to be staffed by the Institute of Science and Public Affairs at Florida State University shall provide technical and professional support for the research and economic development efforts of the Board of Governors. The purpose of the board is to focus, coordinate, and maximize university resources on current issues and events affecting Florida's residents and elected officials. Emphasis shall be placed on being responsive to and providing accurate, timely, useful, and relevant information to decisionmakers in state and local governments. The board shall set forth a process to provide comprehensive guidance and advice for improving the types and quality of services to be delivered by the state universities. Specifically, the board shall better identify and define the missions and roles of existing institutes and centers at each state university, work to eliminate duplication and confusion over conflicting roles and missions, involve more students in learning with applied research and public service activities, and be organizationally separate from academic departments. The board shall meet at least quarterly. The board may create internal management councils that may include working institute and center directors. The board Institute is responsible for, but is not limited to:

(a) Providing research and technical assistance in support of strategic direction, planning, and accompanying decisions that support a coordinated applied public service and research and economic development strategy approach in the state.

(b) Provide technical services related to online reporting of Institutes and Centers data and other annual reporting requirements of and Addressing state university policy matters and making recommendations to the Board of Governors as they relate to applied public service and research and economic development.

~~(c) Serving as a clearinghouse for information and services related to research and economic development as may be requested by the Board of Governors public officials.~~

~~(d) Providing support for funding and fiscal initiatives involving applied public service and research.~~

~~(2) Membership of the board shall be:~~

~~(a) The Chancellor of the State University System, or the chancellor's designee, who shall serve as chair.~~

~~(b) The director of the Office of Planning and Budgeting of the Executive Office of the Governor.~~

~~(c) The secretary of the Department of Management Services.~~

~~(d) The director of Economic and Demographic Research.~~

~~(e) The director of the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability.~~

~~(f) The President of the Florida League of Cities.~~

~~(g) The President for the Florida Association of Counties.~~

~~(h) The President of the Florida School Board Association.~~

~~(i) Five additional university president members, designated by the chancellor, to rotate annually.~~

~~(3) The board shall prepare a report for the Board of Governors to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1 of each year which summarizes the work and recommendations of the board in meeting its purpose and mission.~~

History.--s. 208, ch. 2002-387; s. 101, ch. 2007-217.

Need for Change: LBARPS was created in 1998 with HB 755 as an advisory board to the BOR and other entities. It was staffed by the Clearinghouse for Applied Research and Public Service (CARPS) within FSU's Institute for Science and Public Affairs (FTE funding provided in FSU base). The purpose was to focus, coordinate, and maximize university resources on current issues and events affecting Florida's residents and elected officials. Membership included state, local, state association, and university officials (see

statute). LBARPS met only a few times before decision was made to eliminate the Board of Regents (BOR).

Two primary initiatives were the ExpertNet website (active) and public internship coordination (No longer active). CARPS approached BOR in 1999 to offer its services in exchange for tapping into SUS Institute and Centers data for ExpertNet. CARPS was created in consultation with Academic and Student Affairs. IRM staff the SUS online I&C reporting database. CARPS was asked to and created the SUS Graduate Student Candidate Database in 2001 in support of the One Florida Initiative.

LBARPS was transferred to the FBE/SBE with the 2002 School Code rewrite. A decision was made during the ongoing attempts to address SUS governance that we would seek no substantive changes to statute, so LBARPS has remained in statute even though it is effectively defunct. LBARPS was subsequently transferred to the BOG in the 2007 SUS Governance Bill.

OPPAGA in its 2007 review of Institutes and Centers questioned why the BOG had not convened LBARPS or sought statutory revision to eliminate it. The 2007 Auditor General review team raised the same question repeatedly and was assured that the BOG would seek statutory changes during the 2009 Session.

2. Effect of the Change: The proposed policy change would eliminate duplicative services.

3. Fiscal Impact:

None

4. Justification for BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S Priority (if applicable):

Not applicable.

5. Link to BOG Strategic Plan: This issue improves the ability of the Board of Governors in addressing the goals of its strategic plan by providing information for use in decisions regarding efficiency of system research and public service programs.