

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
November 20, 2008

SUBJECT: Request for Leadership Term Extension for University of West Florida
Board of Trustees Chair and Vice Chair

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Approval of request for UWF Chair and Vice Chair term extension

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 4, 2008, the University of West Florida (UWF) Board of Trustees voted unanimously to convey a formal request for Board of Governors' approval to enable it to extend the leadership terms of Chair K. C. Clark and Vice Chair Honor Bell, should it wish to do so. The UWF Board of Trustees wishes to explore this option as a means by which to maintain continuity during challenges presented by the unexpected departure of former UWF President Cavanaugh and the current budgetary situation.

The UWF Board of Trustees will conduct officer elections at its December, 2008 meeting. Trustee Clark's appointment to the UWF Board of Trustees expires on January 6, 2011 and Trustee Bell's appointment to the UWF Board of Trustees expires on January 6, 2010. As an additional two-year term as Vice Chair would exceed Trustee Bell's current appointment, UWF indicated that the length of any additional leadership term would be adjusted, if necessary.

Supporting Documentation Available: Letter from President Bense
(Refer to Committee Documentation)

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