BOARD OF GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA

Student Affairs Committee

June 13, 2007

SUBJECT: Student Loan Practices

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution; Section 1001.705, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Recent developments in the student loan industry have raised a number of questions. The U.S. Department of Education and Congress have been considering several regulatory and statutory changes to address related concerns. In order to anticipate how proposed changes might affect Florida, the Chancellor sent a letter to State university presidents on May 3, 2007, requesting information about lending practices within the System.

The Florida Attorney General also initiated a statewide investigation into practices surrounding the placement of student loan companies on schools' "preferred" lender lists. His Office sent out a letter on May 7, 2007, requesting additional information from the State universities.

Board staff will provide members with an overview of the current situation and an update on the two aforementioned information requests.

Supporting Documentation: Chancellor's Questions to Universities

Attorney General's Questions to Universities

American Council on Education Background Paper

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