

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Research and Economic Development Committee
June 14, 2007**

SUBJECT: Recognition of FIU 21st Century World Class Scholar:
Joe Leigh Simpson, M.D.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2006 Florida Legislature created the 21st Century Technology, Research, and Scholarship Enhancement Act, a portion of which contained the 21st Century Scholars Program, a competitive program designed to attract and retain world-class scholars in science, engineering, and key health-related disciplines.

The Committee will recognize Florida International University's 2006 21st Century Scholar Awardee, Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson, whose academic area is Bionanotechnology. Dr. Simpson is currently out of the country serving as an expert speaker on *The Place of Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis in Human Medicine* at the Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis International Society Conference in Melbourne, Australia (June 13-16, 2007), as well as *Diabetes and Obesity in Pregnancy: Improving the Odds* and *Invasive Prenatal Diagnosis and Definitive Noninvasive Diagnosis in Developing Countries* at the 3rd International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (June 17-21, 2007). In his absence, staff will briefly discuss his impressive career and current research agenda.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Biographical Sketch on Dr. Simpson

Facilitators / Presenters:

Vice Chancellor R.E. LeMon