

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
May 10, 2007**

SUBJECT: Type I Institutes and Centers

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve a methodology for Board of Governors review of additional funding requests for Type I Institutes and Centers

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution; 1007.25(8) F. S.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its March meeting while reviewing an additional funding request for the State University System (SUS) Type I Florida Institute of Oceanography, the Board of Governors was advised of the existence of a number of other Type I Institutes and Centers. Subsequently, the Board directed staff to devise a methodology for its review of potential budget requests for Type I Institutes and Centers.

Type I Institutes and Centers, some of which were created by statute, have been in existence for over thirty years. While 18 Type I Institute and Centers exist, there are only three that are critical to the infrastructure of the SUS:

- a. the Institute for Oceanography, which serves as a floating research laboratory for the entire SUS and others;
- b. the Florida Center for Library Automation, which serves to assist SUS libraries in providing access to collections, improving sharing, and expanding the electronic delivery of information; and
- c. the SUS Press, which serves as the university press for all institutions of the System.

The remaining 15 Institute and Centers focus on research and service activities, with varying levels of statewide focus, collaboration, and adherence to associated state-level policies and procedures. Accordingly, staff recommend the following:

1. The "Type I" designation is outmoded and dysfunctional due to the great variability of the entities so designated. Therefore, the designation should be discarded.
2. The three infrastructural entities listed above should receive an entirely new

designation apart from any institutes and centers. While their operational budgets would remain in the base of their respective host institutions, these entities should be allowed to have any additional budget requests considered directly by the Board of Governors, accompanied with a recommendation, positive or negative, from the SUS Council of Academic Vice Presidents (CAVP). (This has generally been the methodology for the recent requests associated with the Institute of Oceanography and the Florida Center for Library Automation. The SUS Press has yet to make a formal request to the Board, but it is expected that it will, and, accordingly, the CAVP will review its request.)

3. Any of the remaining 15 institutes and centers (or any other entities) aspiring to another entirely new "State of Florida" Institute and Center designation for statewide entities associated with research and service activities should make application for that status via a review process overseen by the CAVP which would recommend to the Board. If approved for State of Florida Status, these entities should have any budget recommendations reviewed by the CAVP, with only positive recommendations being carried forward to the Board. The operational budgets of these entities would continue to reside within the bases of their host institutions.
4. Any former Type I Institute and Center not approved by the Board as a State of Florida Institute and Center would have its budget and any requests for additional funding wholly within the purview of the institution at which the entity is housed.

The accompanying table provides information with respect to every entity currently designated as a Type I Institute and Center.

Documentation Included:

Informational Table

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