

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Academic Programs/Strategic Planning Committee
Meeting as a Committee of the Whole
January 24, 2007**

SUBJECT: Structure of the State University System: Consultant's Report

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Receive the Report

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This report will present options for the Board to consider in planning the future structure of the State University System. It is intended as a critical first step in the long-term planning process.

In order to help the Board of Governors orient the State University System for long-term growth and improvement, the Board of Governors Foundation hired the Pappas Consulting Group in August 2006 to evaluate the current structure of the system and make recommendations for the future.

The Pappas Group emerged as the most capable and experienced firm for this project in a competitive negotiation process. They have extensive experience consulting with other state systems, including the University of North Carolina System and the State University of New York.

Dr. Alceste Pappas, the group's CEO and former head of KPMG Peat Marwick's higher education consulting practice, directed the project, joined by Dr. Stephen Portch, Chancellor *emeritus* of Georgia's university system, and backed up by experienced professional staff in their Connecticut offices.

In the course of preparing the report, Dr. Pappas and Dr. Portch met with many Board members, Board staff in Tallahassee, university leadership teams, and representatives of other key stakeholder groups, including the other education sectors, faculty and students. A public hearing on the report is scheduled in late February.

Supporting Documentation Available: To be provided prior to the meeting

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