

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
January 25, 2007**

**SUBJECT:** Chancellor's Report on the SUS Facility Initiative

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Receive the Report and Adopt Specific Recommendations of the Chancellor.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

N/A

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Increasing efficiency, accelerating needed repairs and renovations, ensuring sustainability, and advocating adequate funding are the four pillars of the State University System's Facilities Initiative. This initiative will also be closely aligned with the Board's decisions regarding the future structure of the university system.

Chancellor Rosenberg and the Honorable Ava Parker, chair of the Board of Governors Facilities Committee, appointed a state-wide university facilities task force to provide recommendations to address the gaps between the system's needs for facilities to support world-class economic development ambitions and enrollment growth and the current projections for available space.

The task force included representatives from all eleven state universities, provosts, vice presidents for finance and senior administrators responsible for planning, budgeting and facilities management. It was chaired by William Merck II, Vice President for Administration and Finance at the University of Central Florida.

The Task Force presented a report to the Chancellor on September 22, 2006, with recommendations for all phases of the building process including planning, design, financing, construction, renovations and routine maintenance. Building upon the work of the task force, the Chancellor presented a series of recommendations for consideration by the Board of Governors at its November meeting.

At the same time, the Board has been working with a consultant to explore options for the structure of the university system over the next 20 years. Providing the right mix of

new facilities to satisfy demand, while minimizing cost, is a challenging dimension to the ongoing work of the both the Facilities Committee and the entire Board.

The Chancellor will provide an update on the current status of the Facility Initiative, make recommendations for immediate action, and address the facilities needed for the State University System to provide quality and access through 2012.

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**Supporting Documentation Available:** *Building Florida's Future: Quality and Access  
or Business as Usual?*

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