

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

SUBJECT: State University System Governance Bill

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Review State University System Governance Bill.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Constitution of the State of Florida.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Various statutes require changes to conform to the language of Article IX, Section 7 of Florida's Constitution that provides the Board of Governors "shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system". The Constitution also provides for a legislative role in operation and funding of the public universities.

The statutes presently contain incorrect references concerning which entities are responsible for the State University System as a result of a Constitutional amendment that established the Board of Governors as the body authorized to "operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system".

The Florida Senate has an interim project addressing this issue and a bill is expected to be filed for the 2007 legislative session. The Chancellor, on behalf of the Board of Governors, has submitted proposed language for the Legislature's consideration that would conform the statutes to the Constitution while respecting the role and responsibilities of the Legislature.

Supporting Documentation Included: State University System Governance Bill
previously provided

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