

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

SUBJECT: Endorse Initiative of Special Task Force to Plan a Partnership to Manage State-owned Historic Properties in St. Augustine, UF

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Endorse the proposed initiative.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A Special Task Force on State-Owned Historic Properties in St. Augustine was appointed in September 2006 to consider options for improving the management and preservation of historic properties in the community.

The Task Force recommended a "University Model" program to be followed for the St. Augustine properties. The University Model prioritizes education at all levels and would restore and maintain the buildings and grounds associated with the patrimony. It would also build a professional support staff dedicated to the state-owned properties and the development of an interpretive program.

To maintain the momentum of the initiative, the Board of Governors has been asked to endorse the University of Florida as the principal to manage the St. Augustine properties. Following Board endorsement, serious planning could begin and funding to underwrite would be requested. It is understood that any plan would be brought to the University of Florida Board of Trustees, and that funding would be provided outside of direct E&G and PECO allocations for the State University System.

Supporting Documentation Included: N/A

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