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Emergency Management Task Force (EMTF)

Final Recommendations

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Chair, EMTF

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Task Force Charge & Activities

Charge Addressed

- Hurricanes and Natural Disasters
- Pandemics, Acts of Terrorism and Technological Disasters/Failures

Activities

- Conducted two surveys
- Received expert testimony
- Made preliminary recommendations to BOG in June 2006
- Final report in progress

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Experts who Addressed the Task Force

- Mr. Ben Nelson, State Meteorologist
- Steve Morris, M.D., R.N., Co-Director, College of Nursing, Disaster & Bioterrorism Training Center, USF
- Fred Sloan, M.D., Co-Director, College of Nursing, Disaster & Bioterrorism Training Center, USF
- Mr. Scott McPherson, Chief Information Officer, Florida Department of Corrections
- Dr. Audrey Heffron, Deputy Director, Center for Disaster Risk Policy, FSU
- Mr. Shannon Segers, Bureau Chief, Department of Risk Management, Division of Financial Services

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Full-time Emergency Management Position

- A full-time position at each university and the BOG Office dedicated to emergency management is necessary:
 - to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the university community;
 - to respond to mandates and executive orders at the federal and state levels that require better coordinated responses to emergencies, and;
 - to handle increased demands for security and safety.

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Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity System

- **A coordinated and cost effective recovery infrastructure for the SUS**
 - will manage web sites; course management systems; email and directory services; and student financial aid, human resources and procurement systems; and
 - will require exploration of various funding sources for \$20M over a 5 year period.

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Pandemic and Other Disaster Planning

- Appoint a SUS working committee to:
 - research best practices;
 - help each university assess its level of preparedness;
 - establish a process for the review of each university's Continuity of Operations Plans; and
 - develop a template that can be used by each SUS institution to improve its practice.

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Adequacy of Funding

- **Work to change statute**
 - 215.18, Florida Statutes, Transfer between funds; limitation, or
 - 215.32, Florida Statutes, State funds; segregation.
- **Identify alternate sources of differential funding other than operating budgets.**

Immediate Access to Funds to Restore University Operations

- Create a dedicated Emergency Management Trust Fund for the SUS, or
- Secure partial or full reimbursement advance from Risk Management, or
- Secure funding from the state emergency fund.

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Task Force Work Completed

- Research Conducted
- Input from Experts
- Charge Addressed
- Recommendations Offered
- Final Report in Progress
- Opportunity to Serve the SUS Appreciated

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