

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Research and Economic Development Committee Teleconference
March 6, 2008**

SUBJECT: The Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the Chancellor's recommendations for the Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute as outlined in his February 4, 2008 correspondence.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Johnnie B. Byrd, Sr. Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute was created by the Florida Legislature with a Florida not-for-profit corporation organized for the purpose of operating the Center as an instrumentality of the state. The Center sits on the campus of the USF. Per amended statutory language, the Board of Governors is to provide oversight for the Center in several areas including but not limited to a facilities utilization agreement, approval of articles of incorporation, and review of the Center's annual report and operating budget. The not-for-profit corporation has its own board.

In January 2008 Board staff conducted a review of the Center's operations and activities in order to determine how the Center might realize efficiencies while maximizing its very important research agenda. The attached February 4, 2008 letter from Chancellor Rosenberg to Senators Joyner and Peadar, who have conducted Senate workshops on this matter, references that review and indicates that the Chancellor would recommend that the Center formally integrate with USF, and that USF receive appropriate and predictable funding to operate the Center. It is likely that the 2008 Legislature will take up the subject of the Center's operation, governance, and funding.

Governor McDevitt was recently appointed as the Board Chair's designee to the Byrd Center Board. She has been very active in reviewing the Center's operations.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2/4/08 letter from Chancellor Rosenberg
1004.445 Florida Statutes

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