

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
October 29, 2008

SUBJECT: Approve the 2009-2010 Legislative Agenda

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Review and Approve the 2009-2010 Legislative Agenda.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Committee will review and consider for approval proposed statutory language and other issues related to the upcoming 2009 Legislative Session for recommendation to the Legislative Committee which is scheduled to meet October 30, 2008. The Full Board will consider these items at its meeting November 20, 2008:

- **Courtelis - Current funding need of \$76 million.** If the state cannot fully fund Courtelis, each project should be funded on a proportionate basis.
- **Minor Projects** - Increase Threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million
- **Capital Improvement Fee (CITF)** - Provide flexibility to increase CITF to 10% of tuition over time. Parallels Community College authority.
- **Ancillary Construction Trust Fund** - Redirects all estate taxes to higher education construction, with a 2% share redirected towards the Concurrency Trust Fund. This revenue source would be effective for the 2010-2011 year if current federal law expires as scheduled. Local governments supported the transfer of the previous funding source to FDOT. Ensure everyone understands that concurrency payments are "subject to legislative appropriation" and failure to honor campus development agreements may eventually impede university campus development.
- **Release Change** - Change in law to allow more immediate release of spending authority.
- **Courtelis** - Change language in Courtelis Matching grant to parallel Community Colleges (i.e. local government funds can be matched)

Supporting Documentation Included: To be Provided

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