

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee
January 29, 2009

SUBJECT: Florida College System

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and Discuss

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Art. IX, Florida Constitution
Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In December 2007, the BOG adopted three *Forward by Design* initiatives, including using a multi-faceted approach to increase the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded. One of the approaches was to develop a planning process to identify the location and mission of new baccalaureate-only institutions.

Building on the concept of additional baccalaureate-only institutions, the 2008 Legislature created the Florida College System Task Force to develop recommendations for the transition of community colleges to baccalaureate-degree granting institutions and to recommend criteria for establishing and funding state colleges. The Task Force was chaired by Commissioner Smith, and USF President Judy Genshaft served as a member representing the State University System. The final report was approved by the Task Force in December.

The 2008 Legislature also established a State College Pilot Project and required the nine participating colleges to submit a report recommending an approval process for the transition of baccalaureate-degree-granting community colleges to state colleges in order to meet the employment needs of Florida, criteria for the transition of institutions in the Florida College System to state colleges, and a funding model for the Florida College System. The final report was approved by the pilot institutions in October.

The Board will discuss the implications of the reports as they relate to master planning for higher education in Florida and the best means for the two delivery systems (Florida College System and State University System) to work together to increase the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Recommendations from both reports
Commonalities/differences in
recommendations

Facilitators / Presenters:

Responses to SBE Member's Questions
Commissioner Eric Smith