

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

SUBJECT: Readiness, Access, and Success Initiatives

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

The BOG adopted three *Forward by Design* initiatives in December 2007, one of which was to increase the number of baccalaureate degrees. The Board adopted a multi-faceted approach to addressing this challenge, including cooperating “with the State Board of Education to improve the readiness of underrepresented minority populations for the baccalaureate, along with improving their retention and graduation rates to the same or better rate than system averages.”

The Board will discuss efforts underway to improve readiness, access, and success:

READINESS: The Department of Education’s College and Career Readiness Initiatives are designed to improve access to postsecondary education and training and to promote student success after high school graduation. The Initiatives, including the American Diploma Project, encompass a variety of collaborative (K-12-Workforce-Florida College System -State University System) efforts to define college readiness and to ensure that the percentage of students earning standard high school diplomas meet that definition.

FINANCIAL ACCESS: College Goal Sunday is coordinated by ENLACE Florida and is designed to help prospective college students gain access to federal and state need-based aid available to them.

ACCESS TO SUCCESS is a project of the National Association of System Heads (NASH) and is aimed at improving student outcomes and closing by at least half the gaps in both college-going and degree completion that separate low-income and minority students from others.

Supporting Documentation Included: College and Career Readiness;
American Diploma Project; College Goal Sunday; Access to Success; Gap Analysis

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