

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
January 29, 2009**

SUBJECT: Shared Services Update

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information Only.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the August BOG meeting Chair McDevitt asked that Rick Walsh (Chair, UCF Board of Trustees) and Ann Duncan chair a group to review best practices on shared services. This initiative is not about centralization but an attempt to examine shared services and identify "Best Practices" and then encourage each University to adopt these initiatives so that there is some uniformity, efficiency and potential cost savings.

A work group consisting of UF, UCF, FGCU, FIU and FAU was formed to identify potential "Best Practices." Ideas were received from the provosts, controllers, and financial vice presidents (copy attached). UCF, FIU and FAU have reviewed all of the initiatives and have identified three for immediate implementation, with other initiatives continuing to be explored over the next few months. These three universities are working cooperatively on these initiatives and once processes are set in place they will be shared with the other universities for potential implementation and/or inclusion.

These three initiatives include: 1) Sustainability / Energy Management, 2) Builders Risk Management, 3) Office Supplies

Supporting Documentation Available:

- 1) Work plan for each Initiative
- 2) Shared Service Ideas

Facilitators/Presenters:

Ms. Ann Duncan, Mr. Rick Walsh