

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee
March 25-26, 2009

SUBJECT: Medical Education Funding

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and discuss issues and recommendations regarding medical education funding

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Three separate initiatives bring the subject of medical education funding to the forefront at this time. First, in August 2008, then Chancellor Mark Rosenberg requested that University of Florida President Machen lead a workgroup of SUS presidents in exploring options for creating a position for medical education in the Board of Governors office at a suitable level. The workgroup was also to explore the extent to which a more sensible, equitable, transparent, and sustainable approach to medical education funding than the one the SUS currently has could be achieved. Currently, legislative funding appears to substantially vary from one medical education program to another in terms of cost of instruction per medical student student.

Chancellor Rosenberg's request led to the development of a draft paper (included as backup) by UF and BOG staff suggesting that the Board of Governors consider a funding formula based on the enrollments of medical school programs multiplied by a determinant such as the national average of the cost of instruction per medical student, or a percentage thereof, depending on the Florida Legislature's level of commitment.

Second, legislation (included as backup) has been filed that would standardize the state's commitment to medical education programs across all institutions via a similar methodology. The third initiative is a draft report (included as backup) on medical education funding by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA). OPPAGA reaches similar recommendations.

Supporting Documentation Included: 1. "Medical Education Funding"
2. Draft Legislation (03/05/09)
3. OPPAGA Report

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