

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**Strategic Planning and Academic and System Oversight Committee**  
September 24, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Medical Education Funding Workgroup Status Report

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Section 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In August of 2008, State University System (SUS) of Florida Chancellor Mark Rosenberg asked University of Florida President Bernard Machen to chair a workgroup to represent the presidents of SUS institutions offering programs leading to the M.D. degree. Besides the University of Florida, these include existing medical schools at Florida State University and the University of South Florida, recently opened medical schools at the University of Central Florida and Florida International University, and a Florida Atlantic University-University of Miami affiliated program.

The workgroup was charged with exploring the possibility of establishing a more transparent, systemic approach to medical education funding and accountability than current practices. In March 2009 the Board of Governors (BOG) directed the Workgroup to develop a defensible M.D. cost-to-educate per student funding model.

In the meanwhile, the 2009 Florida Legislature crafted proviso language very much in consonance with the work already underway: to develop a funding methodology for a consistent base level of state support on a per-student basis while recognizing the additional funding necessary for start-up programs and programs, such as FSU's, whose legislatively mandated missions incur additional costs. The BOG is required to submit a report to the Governor and the Florida Legislature by February 1, 2010. The attached draft report is intended to capture the key issues associated with the

challenges of developing a funding and reporting methodology. President Machen will make observations followed by Dr. R.E. LeMon who is coordinating the project.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** *Draft - Medical Education Funding Status Report*

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