

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
September 24, 2009

**SUBJECT:** 2010-2011 State University System and Board General Office Legislative Budget Request

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve a 2010-2011 operating Legislative Budget Request for the State University System and the Board General Office and allow the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Subsection 7(d), Article IX, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Annually, the Board of Governors must prepare and submit a State University System (SUS) and a Board General Office Legislative Budget Request (LBR) for state appropriated operating funds. Both budgets must be reviewed and recommendations made on the issues to be included in the 2010-2011 LBR.

The 2010-11 budget request has been developed by taking into account the state revenue forecast, federal stimulus funds, and the arrival of a new chancellor. As such, it is a far more restricted budget than might otherwise have been developed. This modest budget request will allow the new chancellor to develop a system strategy to identify the most pressing academic and research needs and the revenue sources that may be used to fund these needs for the benefit of system, its faculty and most importantly the students. Agencies have an opportunity to amend the budget request after the Governor has released his recommendations in February. Thus, the chancellor may present an amended LBR plan to the Board after the first of the year. This request does not include an undergraduate tuition increase; which will be determined at a later date.

The proposed Education and General (E&G) core budget focuses on three main areas; plant operations and maintenance funding for new and existing facilities, federal stimulus funds, and the replacement of non-recurring general revenue funds. The net increase to the E&G core budget is \$175 million (1.01%). With the adoption of the proposed LBR, the SUS core E&G appropriation per full-time equivalent student will

increase \$117 to \$11,636 in 2010-2011.

The special units and state initiatives portion of the budget requests \$195 million and focuses on the continued phase-in of the new medical schools, base funding support for existing medical schools, matching funds for private donations, and enhancements to distance learning.

Finally, an LBR for the Board's General Office only includes two issues at this time; 1) Year 2 of the federal stimulus funds totaling \$1.5 million and 2) \$64,000 in salaries and benefits that was deleted by the Legislature as a part of the 2% salary reduction and vetoed by the Governor. The budget for the vetoed salary reduction was not restored. Once the Chancellor has an opportunity to review General Office operations an amended LBR may be presented after the first of the year.

The Budget, Finance and Business Operations Committee has reviewed the SUS and Board General Office LBRs and recommends approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Information located behind the Budget Committee Tab