

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 17, 2005

SUBJECT: Florida International University Proposal to Implement a New Medical School

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Presentation / Board Discussion

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In December 2003 the Board of Governors (BOG) Strategic Planning and Policy Committee established a Medical Education Subcommittee in response to interest shown by certain SUS institutions in establishing Colleges of Medicine. The Subcommittee began meeting formally in January 2004 and has continued to gather information through meetings with and presentations by medical professionals, consultants, stakeholders, and university personnel. Additional Subcommittee meetings took place in March 2004, April 2005, and July 2005, with intermittent updates on its work presented to the BOG in April, May, July, and November 2004.

In March 2004 the BOG requested that the Council for Education Policy, Research, and Improvement (CEPRI) conduct a study regarding Florida's medical education and the medical profession. Under the direction of former CEPRI Chairman Dr. Akshay Desai, a final report was presented to the BOG in November 2004. The BOG has also heard conceptual presentations from those institutions interested in establishing medical schools, as well as presentations by existing SUS Colleges of Medicine regarding expansion capacity.

At its July 2005 meeting, the BOG asked Florida International University to present a completed medical school proposal in November 2005. The proposal describes a professional program in allopathic medicine that will consist of a 4-year, 156 credit hour curriculum designed to integrate medical education and interdisciplinary research opportunities provided by the other University colleges, and to "utilize existing community-based resources in order to educate culturally sensitive physicians who will serve the South Florida region." FIU proposes to employ a community health and patient-based model focusing on integrated, evidence-based medical education, and to collaborate with a formal consortium of regional hospitals for guidance and clinical teaching.

Timelines for implementation are provided, including faculty recruitment, Liaison Committee on Medical Education accreditation, and planning for graduate medical education. The facilities needed to begin a medical program are already constructed, or are underway, and FIU has plans to expand those facilities to create a medical school complex. The projected implementation costs are comparable to those associated with the creation of the Florida State University Medical School.

Supporting Documentation Included: Staff Analysis
Full Proposal (provided previously by FIU)

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