

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 17, 2005

SUBJECT: University of Central Florida 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 the University of Central Florida to present a completed medical school proposal in November 2005. The proposal provided describes an allopathic medical program that will include early integration of clinical sciences with the basic sciences, and an interdisciplinary, integrated study of pathology and treatment. The University plans to partner with Orlando Regional Healthcare and Florida Hospital to offer community-based clinical training. Each of these partners will own the faculty practice plan for the proposed medical program, paying UCF 40% of the salary for each clinical faculty member. UCF also plans to partner with the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, which is expected to facilitate collaborative research, faculty and student exchange programs, and Hispanic enrollment.

A comprehensive timeline for implementation is provided that includes recruitment of faculty and benchmarks for achieving Liaison Committee on Medical Education accreditation. The University will need to construct facilities for the medical program, but currently has some biomedical instructional and research programs in place within other departments. The projected implementation costs are comparable to those associated with creation of the Florida State University Medical School.

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

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