

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Approval for Florida Gulf Coast University Engineering Programs to Exceed 120 Credit Hours

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve Florida Gulf Coast University Engineering Programs to Exceed 120 Credit Hours

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As required per 1001.02, Florida Statute, and by the authority granted the Board of Governors under the Florida Constitution, Florida Gulf Coast University is seeking approval for newly implemented engineering baccalaureate programs to exceed 120 semester credit hours in length. Engineering degrees in the State University System range from 126 to 134 semester hours in order to meet academic requirements set by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology. The three FGCU engineering baccalaureates in Civil, Environmental, and Bioengineering are 128, 128 and 129 semester credit hours in length, respectively.

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees approved the implementation of the degree programs at its June 21, 2005 meeting. All three degree programs began Fall Semester 2005. House Bill 517 was passed by the 2005 Legislature and signed by Governor Bush, authorizing the university to award degrees in these areas. The institution received a \$2.2 million dollar appropriation in support of implementing these programs.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Facilitators/Presenters: Vice Chancellor R.E. LeMon