

2006 LEGISLATIVE ISSUE FORM

BOG/SUS ISSUE: Independent Colleges & Universities of Florida



PROPOSED STATUTORY LANGUAGE: *To Be Determined*

1. Change Needed: Sections 1013.11 and 1006.67, Florida Statutes and Chapter 1005, Florida Statutes

The enactment of HB 1001 on governance of the public university system did not address how responsibilities related to reporting by member institutions of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) should be handled. Section 1005.06(1)(c) has been interpreted to mean that the Division of Colleges and Universities had responsibility for those reporting requirements. BOG staff have been handling these responsibilities, although ICUF institutions are not under the umbrella of the Board of Governors.

2. Current Condition:

The Division of Colleges and Universities in the Department of Education is statutorily required to coordinate the following responsibilities related to ICUF member institutions.

- Review of institutional documentation for purposes of Consumer protection
- Response to Consumer concerns (approximately 500 per year)
- Grants oversight (Florida dollars for specific issues such as “First Medical School”)
- Crime statistics reporting
- Assessment and annual reporting of campus physical plant safety
- Limited Program Approval (e.g., SACS status change)

3. Rationale for Change:

These responsibilities are required by statute; therefore, a determination needs to be made concerning who should ensure these responsibilities are carried out.

4. Fiscal Impact:

Staff time is required of the entity that must oversee these responsibilities.

5. Justification for BOARD OF GOVERNOR’S Priority (if applicable):

This item is presented to the Board for discussion, since Board staff have been responsible for meeting these statutory requirements.

6. Link to BOG Strategic Plan:

Not applicable