



Modifications to the 2006-2007 Legislative Budget Request (LBR): September 15, 2005

As you know the 2006-2007 LBR was approved at the July meeting. Some universities expressed interest in having approved LBR issues that were not their top priority redirected to other university issues that were a higher priority for the institution. I (Gerri Moll, Finance Committee Chair) agreed to consider any university request for a redirection of funds as long as the following criteria applied:

1. The funding of a different issue will not change the total requested by the BOG for the university.
2. The redirected funds must be for an issue identified by the university in its June 2005 budget request as a higher priority than an issue recommended for funding by the Board of Governors in its LBR.
3. The issue that the university is requesting to be included in the LBR must be consistent with system priorities and the *State University System Strategic Plan*.
4. The "Redirection of 2006-2007 Approved Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Issues" form must be completed.

Only FSU and FAU submitted a request to redirect LBR funds to a higher priority issue. The following summarizes their requests:

1. FSU – requested the redirection of \$3.3 million for the "Center for Advanced Power Systems" issue (which was their number 3 priority) to the issue titled "High Quality Academic Faculty Recruitment to Reach Goal of Being Invited to Become AAU Member Institution" (which was their number 1 priority).
2. FAU – requested the redirection of \$1.5 million for "Targeted Financial Aid to Move Students from Part-time to Full-time Status" (which was priority 4 under the Access and Production of Degrees) to the issue titled "Graduate Student Stipend and Waiver Enhancements" (which was priority 1 under Building World-class Academic Programs).

The issues approved by the Board in July are extremely important and worthy initiatives that address institutional research and financial aid for select students and address goals in the *SUS Strategic Plan*.

However, after reviewing FSU and FAU's documentation and requests for a redirection of funds, these issues are also extremely important for their institution, their Boards of Trustees and for the SUS as a whole. For FSU, the opportunity to recruit world-class faculty members will ultimately strengthen their programs and generate additional contracts and grants. FAU's request to support graduate students is also extremely important in retaining and recruiting the best graduate students who will become researchers and educators that will ultimately support Florida's economy.



Therefore I (Gerri Moll) am recommending approval of the universities proposed redirection requests and ask the Board to support the following motion:

Hereby move to redirect 2006-2007 LBR funds previously approved for FSU and FAU to higher priorities as requested by these universities. For FSU, \$3.3 million will be redirected from the “Center for Advanced Power Systems” to “High Quality Academic Faculty Recruitment to Reach Goal of Being Invited to Become AAU Member Institution.” For FAU, \$1.5 million will be redirected from “Targeted Financial Aid to Move Students from Part-time to Full-time Status” to “Graduate Student Stipend and Waiver Enhancements.”

The following information is attached:

1. FSU
 - a. Redirection Request form
 - b. Original issue paper for the Center for Advanced Power Systems
 - c. Original issue paper for High Quality Academic Faculty Recruitment to Reach Goal of Being Invited to Become AAU Member Institution

2. FAU
 - a. Redirection Request form
 - b. Original issue paper for Targeted Financial Aid to Move Students from Part-time to Full-time Status
 - c. Original issue paper for Graduate Student Stipend and Waiver Enhancements