

June 3, 2005

University of West Florida  
President John Cavanaugh  
10000 University Parkway  
Pensacola, Florida, 32514

Dear President Cavanaugh:

The Council of Academic Vice Presidents met on Thursday, May 26, 2005 to consider issues for the legislative budget request and substantive legislation for the next legislative session. Listed below are the issues recommended for SUPA consideration; in addition to these issues, we are concerned that the role universities play in research and economic development is fully appreciated by the Board of Governors and the Legislature through their support of individual legislative budget requests and Centers of Excellence:

Suggested System wide 2006-07 Legislative Budget Issues:

- 1) Faculty/Staff Salary Increases
- 2) Enrollment Growth – Advocate for full formula funding and funding for actual and planned enrollment growth
- 3) Graduate Assistant Health Insurance
- 4) Out-of-State Student Revenue Loss
- 5) Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) Type I Center budget request for \$4,144,056
- 6) Classroom/campus technology supported by general revenue or a technology fee
- 7) Student Tracking in Critical Need Areas
- 8) Targeted Degree Programs (Nursing, Education and Engineering)
  - a. It is recommended that a committee be appointed for each critical need area to develop a system wide plan necessary for a budget request. The budget narrative must be prepared no later than August 1st.
- 9) Seek additional non-recurring dollars to supplement PECO for fixed capital outlay (maintenance, renovation and repair, infrastructure, and specific projects)

Suggested Substantive Legislative Issues for 2005 Session:

- 1) Seek Board of Governors' or legislative authority to implement technology fee
- 2) Seek legislative authority to consider graduate assistants (employees of the universities) as residents for purposes of tuition and fees.

Other Issues

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- 1) Thank you letter for the salary increases provided in administered funds to the legislative members who received the earlier letter from the Presidents asking for salary and benefit funding. This issue was recommended as a top priority from the Provosts.
- 2) Letter to Governor Bush requesting veto of Senate Bill 2264 on residency
- 3) Letter to the Board of Governors regarding new general education assessment test and how this relates to the on-going efforts to design the Academic Learning Compacts.
- 4) Excess Hours – A paper will be submitted for a future meeting providing the fiscal impacts resulting from developing the notification systems and data collection requirements.

Attached are issue papers for the above items for your review. These issues are not in priority order as the Presidents should decide how best to prioritize the list and/or change it. In the case of enrollment growth we have not quite reached consensus and will discuss this matter in more detail at our meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to call me at (850) 599-3276 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Robinson  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Attachments