

**State University System
2005-2006 Legislative Budget Request Development
Board of Governor's Policy Guidelines**

Pursuant to Section 7, Article 9 of the Florida Constitution the Board "...shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system." Included within this responsibility is the development of a Legislative Budget Request (LBR). In addition, Section 1001.74, Florida Statutes authorizes the university boards of trustees to submit an institutional budget request based on the guidelines established herein.

The 2005-2006 LBR will provide flexibility for the Board of Governors and universities to manage the System to achieve the goals and objectives of the State University System (SUS) draft *Strategic Plan* and to demonstrate accountability to the State. The following goals and objectives of the draft SUS *Strategic Plan* will be addressed in the request:

1. Access to and Production of Degrees
2. Meeting statewide professional and workforce needs
3. Building world-class academic programs and research capacity
4. Meeting community needs and fulfilling unique institutional missions

These goals and objectives should be reflected by incorporation into the following major priorities, which will be included in the LBR:

Operating Funds:

1. **Continue costs associated with existing programs** - This policy addresses the funds needed to continue existing programs.
 - a. **Annualization of Administered Funds** - Funds will be requested for the annualization associated with the 2004-2005 pay raise and changes in employee benefits, if appropriated by the 2004 Legislature. It does not include funds for a basic state employee pay package for 2005-2006.
 - b. **Major Gift Program** - Funds will be requested to continue support for the Major Gift program.
 - c. **Plant operations and maintenance for continued and new space** –
 - i. Funds will be requested for the annualized operations and maintenance costs for buildings completed and phased-in during 2004-2005;
 - ii. Funds will be requested for the operating costs for new buildings to be completed and occupied in 2005-2006.
2. **Access to and Production of Degrees** – In order to increase access to the SUS and the production of degrees, funding for the following will be requested:

- a. **Enrollment growth** - A five-year enrollment plan was developed in 2003 and will be updated in 2004. If adopted by the Board, the new funding model developed by the universities and presented to the Board at the January 22 meeting will be used to request enrollment growth which reflects the goals and objectives of the draft SUS *Strategic Plan*.
 - i. The Board, working with the universities, will base university enrollment growth upon such considerations as community college enrollment, high school graduates, and transfer patterns; lower level flow-through; demographic trends; applications, admissions, and enrollment trends; and actual enrollment performance.
 - ii. The Board will request enrollment growth for universities which the Board concludes, on the basis of all available evidence, will meet planned degree award targets (goals).
 - iii. Enrollment growth will be consistent with the Board's approved long-range enrollment and degree award plans.
 - b. **FSU Medical School** – Funding will be requested for the continued implementation of the medical school.
 - c. **FAMU Law School** - Funding will be requested for the continued implementation of the law school.
3. **World-class Academic Programs and Research Centers** – Funding will be requested to continue the development of nationally preeminent academic programs and model research centers.
 4. **Community Needs and Institutional Missions** – University Boards of Trustees will be requested to submit their universities' top priorities in accordance with the goals and objectives developed in the draft SUS *Strategic Plan*.

The following represents the **timeline** for submission of the 2005-2006 LBR.

- April: The Board of Governors approves the operating LBR Policy Guidelines
- May: Chancellor provides technical instructions and requests Boards of Trustees/Universities to submit their operating LBR issues
- June: Boards of Trustees/Universities submit operating LBR issues to Chancellor
- July: Board of Governors approves the operating LBR
- August: SUS operating LBR is transmitted to the State Board of Education for inclusion with the K-20 LBR
- September: LBR is submitted to the Governor and Legislature