Board of Governors

Development of 2004 Legislative Issues

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Issue: Legislative Budget Request

Issue Summary: Current statutory language directs the State Board of Education to provide guidelines for the development of the legislative budget requests of state universities and to prepare and submit the requests to the Governor and Legislature.

Background:

Section 1011.40, F.S., states:

The State Board of Education shall provide instructions, guidelines, and standard formats to be used by each university that will provide to the State Board of Education and the Legislature adequate information to support and justify the legislative budget requests submitted pursuant to ss. 216.023, 1011.90, and 1013.60 for each university.

Section 1011.01, F.S., states:

The State Board of Education shall prepare and submit a coordinated K-20 education annual legislative budget request to the Governor and the Legislature on or before the date provided by the Governor and the Legislature. The board's legislative budget request must clearly define the needs of school districts, community colleges, universities, other institutions, organizations, programs, and activities under the supervision of the board and that are assigned by law or the General Appropriations Act to the Department of Education.

Staff Recommendation: Section 1011.40, F.S., should clarify that the Board of Governors has the responsibility for providing guidelines and approving the proposed Legislative Budget Request (LBR) for universities. The State Board of Education would be the vehicle for officially submitting the LBR on behalf of the Board of Governors.