

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
February 21, 2013**

SUBJECT: Florida State University's Bachelor of Fine Arts Major in Animation and Digital Arts

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider recommendation of the Select Committee to transition the Florida State University Bachelor of Fine Arts major in Animation and Digital Arts to the main campus.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulations 8.002, 8.004, 8.009, and 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the January 2013 Board of Governors meeting, Chair Dean Colson appointed the *Select Committee on Florida State University Academic Film Program Offerings in West Palm Beach* to become familiar with all aspects of the issues related to Florida State University's presence in West Palm Beach and the scope of planned film program operations. The Select Committee met February 8, 2013. Mayor Jeri Muoio of West Palm Beach and her staff provided information regarding the economic value of establishing a digital arts industry cluster in West Palm Beach and the role that FSU, together with other postsecondary institutions, could play in the development of that cluster. Provost Garnett Stokes, Dean Frank Patterson, and senior faculty associated with the Animation and Digital Arts major explained their rationale for an FSU film school presence in West Palm Beach.

Following questions and discussion, the Select Committee approved a recommendation to require FSU to relocate its Animation and Digital Arts major to the main campus and develop a teach-out plan by May 1, 2013, for students who are currently in West Palm Beach. As part of the recommendation, students currently enrolled in the major who are in the first year of the program at the main campus shall complete the major on the main campus.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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