

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
March 28, 2013**

**SUBJECT:** Viva Florida 500

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Information Only

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Not Applicable

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The State of Florida and the Florida Humanities Council (FHC) will be commemorating Ponce de Leon's landing on the Florida coast with a series of events celebrating Florida's quincentenary (1513-2013). The State's lead official on the quincentenary, Secretary of State Ken Detzner, and FHC Treasurer Steve Seibert, will discuss the great importance of this momentous milestone.

The presentation will explain and emphasize the educational potential of the extraordinary, rare "teachable moment" for Florida. It will also make visible the connections between the quincentenary and the ongoing work of scholars and programs in the State University System. Finally, the presentation will outline the complementary of the Florida Humanities Council in mobilizing scholars to convey the important history of Florida and its place in the Americas and to assist public school teacher of Florida and US history and culture.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Honorable Ken Detzner, Secretary of State; and  
Steve Seibert, Treasurer, Florida Humanities  
Council