

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
January 25, 2018

SUBJECT: Changes to the Annual Accountability Report and the University Work Plans: The New “Accountability Plan”

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board of Governors has followed an annual reporting structure for the past seven years that includes thousands of data points collected in three major strategic planning documents: the Annual Accountability Report, which has been presented in January or March; the annual University Work Plans, presented in June of each year; and its *2025 System Strategic Plan*, which was first approved in November 2011 and is updated and amended, as needed, every five years. Collectively, these three major planning documents are known as the “Three Great Books.” These tools guide the State University System, providing direction, oversight, and accountability. The data in these documents provide both prospective, forward-looking data in the *2025 System Strategic Plan* and the annual University Work Plans, as well as retrospective data from the past five to 10 years in the Annual Accountability Report, which shows trajectories over time on key data for student enrollment and graduation, research, and other important aspects of the academic enterprise.

From the outset, these documents were conceived of as “living documents” that, from time to time, would require review. Increasingly, Board members have requested that retrospective data from the March Annual Accountability Report be displayed to provide baseline information of progress made (or not made) alongside data contained in the universities’ annual Work Plans, presented in June, which provide three-year, forward-looking projections. Just as “data that are used are data that get better,” it has become increasingly clear that these two major planning reports need to be merged together so that Board members can more easily see the “big picture” of where the universities are coming from and where they are going.

Vice Chancellor Ignash will provide the Board with an overview of proposed changes in the collection and reporting of the Board's Annual Accountability Report and the annual University Work Plans. In addition to providing the Board with the more robust data and information that members have been informally requesting these past several years, combining these two documents will also streamline data and reporting efforts on the campuses, thus reducing redundancies and providing for more efficient work processes within university institutional research offices.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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