

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
March 2, 2016**

**SUBJECT:** Request for Approval of Type 1 Campus for the University of Central Florida Downtown Campus

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve a University of Central Florida Type I Downtown Campus.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.009

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University of Central Florida (UCF) is requesting authorization to create a Type I Downtown Campus in conjunction with Valencia College. Informational presentations were made at the Board's February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting, and again at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 Budget and Facilities Committee's workshop.

On October 20, 2015 UCF submitted a proposal for requesting a Type I Downtown Campus, in time to place its request on the Board of Governors November 2015 agenda. The Board of Governors staff produced an analysis of the proposal in which it raised a number of questions, particularly with regard to the critical issue of enrollment projections. This staff analysis was shared with the UCF administration. Subsequently, UCF requested and received approval to have its request tabled until the January 2016 meeting of the Board of Governors. On December 4, 2015, UCF submitted a response to its proposal. Prior to the January 2016 meeting UCF requested additional time for consideration of the proposal until they were able to secure commitments for private funding and clarify local government support for the project. On February 8, the Orlando City Council unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Orlando and the University of Central Florida, promising that \$20 million in land would be transferred from the City to UCF for the Downtown Center. The City would also transfer to UCF a \$22.5 million-valued building called the Center for Emerging Media that currently offers instruction downtown.

Included as documentation for this request in chronological order are:

- UCF Proposal for a Type I Campus in Downtown Orlando
- Appendix A - Projected enrollment and budget tables (Tables 1 - 3)

- Appendix B – Original MOU with City of Orlando, dated October 20, 2015
- Appendix C – Letters of support from the local community
- Appendix D – UCF and Valencia College letters of support
- Addendum to the Type 1 Campus proposal, December 4, 2015
- Board of Governors staff analysis; December 16, 2015
- Clarifications provided by UCF to questions raised in the Board staff analysis, December 18, 2015
- Revised Memorandum of Understanding, City of Orlando and the University of Central Florida, February 8, 2016

The Board will hear a presentation made by the University of Central Florida with regard to the appropriateness of the Downtown Campus; the proposed academic programs to be offered at the Downtown Campus; the number of students estimated to take advantage of the Downtown Campus; costs associated with the Downtown Campus; any potential ramifications with respect to regional accreditation; the expectations for student services, academic support, recreational facilities, and health services at the proposed Downtown Campus; any potential impact on upper level undergraduate and graduate students who are attending the University of Central Florida’s main campus; and the number of faculty and administrators expected to be associated with the Downtown Campus.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** University Proposal with Addenda  
Board Staff Analysis and University responses  
Orlando City Council February 8, 2016 MOU  
and exhibits

**Facilitators/Presenters:** President John Hitt