

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Research Excellence Committee
January 30, 2019**

SUBJECT: Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program Report

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program Report

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1004.6498, *Florida Statutes*, requires that the Board of Governors submit a report on the Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program to the Legislature by March 15 of each year. The Legislature provided \$50 million in 2017-18 and an additional \$10 million in 2018-19 to State University System institutions to enhance the quality and excellence of professional and graduate schools and degree programs in medicine, law, and business. Board staff collected the statutorily required data points from State University System institutions in the fall of 2018. The 2019 report provides baseline information on the initiative.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the 2019 report.

Supporting Documentation Included: Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Report

Facilitators/Presenters: Ms. Emily Sikes