

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
September 18, 2014**

**SUBJECT: 2015-2016 State University System Legislative Budget Request**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the 2015-2016 operating Legislative Budget Request for the State University System and allow the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 216.023 Florida Statute

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Annually, the Board of Governors must prepare and submit a State University System Legislative Budget Request (LBR) for state appropriated operating funds to the Legislature and Governor by October 15. The budget must be reviewed and recommendations made on the issues to be included in the 2015-2016 LBR. In accordance with Subsection 216.023(1), Florida Statutes, this LBR is based on an independent judgment of needs and pursuant to the LBR instructions will be presented to the Legislature and Governor by the statutory due date.

**State University System (SUS):**

A 5.0% increase is requested for the State University System. This request consists of 3 major components:

- a. Performance Funding of \$100 million in new funds, plus \$200 million in base funds. These funds will be allocated based on the Board's 10-metric performance funding model.
- b. Workload/Pass-through Initiatives - \$26.5 million. This includes funding for plant operations and maintenance for new and existing facilities, UF-IFAS workload, and pass-through funds for the Moffitt Cancer Center and the Institute of Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC).
- c. Research/System Initiatives - \$32.6 million. This includes potential funding for various initiatives that will be discussed in the Academic and Student Affairs or Innovation and Online Committee. In addition, the

Budget and Finance Committee will consider three initiatives: Safety Enhancements for NCF and USF-Sarasota-Manatee, Shared Initiatives and the Johnson Matching Gift Program.

Detail on each of these initiatives can be found in the supporting materials.

Information is also provided on three unique university collaborations that will be further discussed by the Council for Academic Vice Presidents and possibly presented at a future Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

The Major Gift Matching program has an unmatched balance of \$285 million and was suspended by the Legislature several years ago. Universities have provided information on various initiatives for which they would like to request potential funding. These initiatives are provided for informational purposes.

In addition, each university has provided information on the following areas:

1. Performance Funding - each university has provided an overview of the initiatives they are undertaking based on the performance funds received this year.
2. Efficiencies - each university has provided a summary of various efficiency initiatives that have taken place or are underway.
3. Five Percent Reductions - The detailed budget instructions provided by the Legislature and Governor's Office requested each agency, including universities, to provide information on the impact of a five percent budget reduction (which is a standard, annual request made by the Legislature and Governor).

The Chancellor recommends approval of the SUS LBR and requests authority to make technical changes as necessary.