



STATE
UNIVERSITY
SYSTEM
of FLORIDA
Board of Governors

AGENDA

Board of Governors Meeting
University Conference Center
University of West Florida
Pensacola, Florida
September 18, 2014
10:45 a.m.

or

Upon Adjournment of Previous Meetings

1. **Call to Order and Chair's Report:** *Chair Mori Hosseini*
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** *Chair Hosseini*
 - Board of Governors, [June 19, 2014](#)
3. **Chancellor's Report:** *Chancellor Marshall Criser III*
4. **Public Comment:** *Chair Hosseini*
5. **Strategic Planning Committee Report:** *Governor Dean Colson*
6. **Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report:** *Governor Norman Tripp*
 - Final Approval of Amendment of Board of Governors [Regulation 6.017](#)
Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

7. **Facilities Committee Report:** *Governor H. Wayne Huizenga, Jr.*
 - Approval, [2015-2016 State University System Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request](#)
8. **Health Initiatives Committee Report:** *Governor Ed Morton*
9. **Select Committee on Florida Polytechnic University Report:** *Governor Tom Kuntz*
10. **Innovation and Online Committee Report:** *Governor Ned Lautenbach*
11. **Budget and Finance Committee Report:** *Governor Kuntz*
 - Approval, Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulations
 - [Regulation 7.001](#) Tuition and Associated Fees
 - [Regulation 7.008](#) Waiver and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees
 - Approval, 2014-2015 Operating Budgets
 - [State University System](#)
 - [Board General Office](#)
 - Approval, 2015-2016 Legislative Budget Requests
 - [State University System](#)
 - [Board General Office](#)
12. **Concluding Remarks and Adjournment:** *Chair Hosseini*

(Public comment will only be taken on agenda items before the Board. Public comment forms will be available at the staff table at each meeting and must be submitted prior to the plenary meeting of the Board. A maximum of 15 minutes will be set aside after the Chancellor's Report to accept public comment from individuals, groups, or factions who have submitted a public comment form.)

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

September 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Chair's Report to the Board of Governors

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information Only

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Chair, Mori Hosseini, will convene the meeting with opening remarks.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Chair Mori Hosseini

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
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September 18, 2014

SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes of Meeting held June 19, 2014

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on June 19, 2014 at the University of Central Florida, Orlando.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Board members will review and approve the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held on June 19, 2014 at the University of Central Florida, Orlando.

Supporting Documentation Included: Minutes: June 19, 2014

Facilitators/Presenters: Chair Mori Hosseini

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Chair Mori Hosseini convened the meeting at 10:30 a.m., on June 19, 2014, with the following members present: Vice Chair Tom Kuntz, Matthew Carter, Stefano Cavallaro, Manoj Chopra, Dean Colson, Daniel Doyle, Jr., Patricia Frost, H. Wayne Huizenga, Ned C. Lautenbach, Alan Levine, Ed Morton, Commissioner Pam Stewart, and Norman Tripp.

1. Chair's Report

Chair Hosseini thanked President Hitt and the University of Central Florida for hosting the meeting and recognized President Hitt for remarks.

President Hitt stated the university is honored to host the Board of Governors, the trustees, the presidents, and other distinguished guests for a valuable meeting focused on how to advance higher education for the benefit of the State. He noted for all state universities, these are defining times that present challenges and opportunities as we look to build support for the State University System and expand prosperity for all Floridians.

Chair Hosseini thanked the presidents and trustees of the University of West Florida, Florida Atlantic University and New College of Florida for meeting with him, Vice Chair Kuntz, and Chancellor Criser and for their outstanding work in presenting the universities' performance funding improvement plans.

Chair Hosseini noted this was the first full Board meeting following the conclusion of the legislative session. He thanked Governor Scott, Senate President Gaetz, Speaker Weatherford, and members of the Legislature for their tremendous support of the State University System. In particular, for their support of the Board's performance funding initiative, the universities' operating and facilities needs, and for ensuring that an affordable education is available to more Floridians. He challenged the Board and the university leadership to step up their efforts to be accountable and to provide the highest quality education to our students.

Chair Hosseini recognized Stefano Cavallaro, as the newest member of the Board of Governors. Mr. Cavallaro said he is looking forward to serving on the Board and

excited about the challenges ahead. He thanked his predecessor, Carlo Fassi, for his leadership on issues that affect all students in the State University System and for being instrumental in bringing about positive change.

Chair Hosseini recognized Carlo Fassi as a former member of the Board of Governors, the University of North Florida Board of Trustees, and the Student Body President of the University of North Florida. The Board's General Counsel, Vikki Shirley, read the Resolution executed by the Board commemorating Mr. Fassi's contributions to the Board and the State University System during his tenure as the student representative to the Board. Mr. Fassi said it was a privilege to work with the Board on issues that were important to students including the fee waiver for veterans and undocumented students and funding for university facilities.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A. Board of Governors Retreat, February 20, 2014
- B. Board of Governors, February 20, 2014
- C. Board of Governors, March 20, 2014

Vice Chair Kuntz moved approval of the Minutes of the retreat and meetings held on February 20 and March 20, 2014, as presented. Mr. Huizenga seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

3. Chancellor's Report

Chancellor Criser updated the Board on planned activities for the remainder of the year. He stated we will be working with university staff over the summer to implement the new laws providing tuition waivers to honorably discharged veterans and undocumented students, and on changes to the tuition differential policy. In addition, we will be working with Chancellor Hanna and the University of West Florida on the transition of the Florida Virtual Campus to the University of West Florida. Our public affairs staff will work with the universities to develop the substantive legislative agenda for the 2015 session, and he will be meeting with the new legislative leadership in the House and Senate to discuss their goals and priorities for the State University System.

Chancellor Criser provided an update on the selection of an independent consultant to conduct the study outlined in the General Appropriations Act pertaining to the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering. The purpose of the study is to examine the pros and cons of either maintaining the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering as a joint college or developing differentiated engineering programs at each university. Following a competitive procurement process, he selected Collaborative Brain Trust University Consulting (CBT) to conduct the study. The team assembled by CBT has extensive experience in evaluating engineering programs, establishing new engineering programs, and conducting academic feasibility studies. The deadline for completing

the study is January 1, 2015, and CBT will be meeting with representatives of both universities and Board staff over the next six months in order to finalize the report and to present their findings to the Board at its January 2015 meeting.

Another important initiative for this summer is to show our appreciation for the State's investment in higher education. We will be holding events around the state to highlight the State's investment in the TEAM grant awards. It's also important to recognize and thank the State for its commitment to the State University System and investment in the Board's performance funding model.

Chancellor Criser expressed gratitude to Chair Hosseini for his time, his passion, and abiding commitment to the State University System. He said Chair Hosseini's tireless efforts make a real difference in translating the Board's goals and initiatives into successful endeavors. He then presented Chair Hosseini with a commemorative framed tintype of an article published in the Tallahassee Democrat showcasing the Chair's achievements on the Board. Chancellor Criser also provided Board members with a token of his appreciation for their contributions and commitment to the State University System.

4. Public Comment

Chair Hosseini asked Ms. Shirley whether there were any requests for public comment for items on the Board's agenda. Ms. Shirley stated that no requests for public comment had been received.

5. Consideration of Confirmation of President for Florida Polytechnic University

Chair Hosseini said the Board would be considering confirmation of the first president of Florida Polytechnic University. He reminded members that Regulation 1.001 requires confirmation by the Board of Governors of presidential candidates selected by a university board of trustees. He informed members that the Board of Trustees of Florida Polytechnic University selected Dr. Randy Avent as its candidate for president on April 14, 2014.

Chair Hosseini called on Mr. Rob Gidel, Chair of Florida Polytechnic University, to present Dr. Avent for the Board's consideration. Chair Gidel reviewed the search process and informed members that the search committee, based on agreed upon qualifications and credentials, selected two finalists for interviews with the search committee and to participate in forums for the community, faculty and staff. At the conclusion of this process, the search committee unanimously recommended Dr. Avent to the Board of Trustees, which subsequently unanimously voted to select Dr. Avent as the university's first president. Chair Gidel stated Dr. Avent has impressive experience and demonstrated commitment to applied research and academics, and has a strong

vision for Florida Polytechnic University. He reviewed Dr. Avent's qualifications and experience, including his twenty-three years of service at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his most recent service as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Research and Development at North Carolina State University. He said Dr. Avent personifies the innovative and entrepreneurial qualities they hope to inspire in their future students and he is honored to present Dr. Avent as the candidate for confirmation.

Chair Hosseini welcomed Dr. Avent and asked him to share his vision for how Florida Polytechnic University will contribute to the State University System. Dr. Avent thanked the Board of Governors for their bold leadership and strategic vision and for the opportunity to appear before them today.

Dr. Avent explained his vision for Florida Polytechnic is predicated on four dominant modes: STEM education, applied research, strong industry collaborations, and efficient operational structures. Regarding STEM education, Florida Polytechnic will focus on select core STEM disciplines in engineering, analytics and informatics, and computer science, with the goal to increase graduates in these areas thereby stimulating economic development. He noted there are three times more jobs in core STEM disciplines than in health-care related STEM disciplines. Recognizing that student retention rates are lower in STEM programs, he discussed mechanisms they will employ to both retain students and prepare them for the workforce.

Faculty and students at Florida Polytechnic will engage in applied research which is focused on solving specific problems, as opposed to the more traditional university research model. He said they will hire scholar-practitioners with industry or national laboratory experience and encourage industry collaboration by rewarding faculty engagement with industry. In addition, he expects to build strong industry relationships for students and faculty through the use of internships, employment opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, collaborative research, faculty consulting engagements, and industry-sponsored research.

Dr. Avent said the university will be a model of organizational efficiency, accomplished by maintaining a flat organizational structure with minimal administrative personnel and through the use of integrated enterprise services and IT infrastructure. With regard to performance funding, he recognizes the importance of creating a return on investment framework that holds the university accountable for performance and cost control. However, he emphasized the need to continually evaluate the model and adopt new approaches, if necessary.

Discussion with members of the Board focused on Dr. Avent's plans for attracting and retaining students, actions the university will take if the actual enrollment level is less than anticipated, and how it intends to involve students in decision-making processes at the university.

Mr. Tripp moved that the Board of Governors confirm the selection of Dr. Randy Avent as the president of Florida Polytechnic University. Mr. Chopra seconded the motion, and the members of the Board concurred unanimously.

Chair Hosseini congratulated Dr. Avent on his confirmation and stated that the Board looks forward to working with him as a member of the State University System.

6. Strategic Planning Committee Report

A. Approval, Revision of Florida Gulf Coast University Accountability Metrics

Mr. Colson provided the report for the Strategic Planning Committee. He moved approval of a technical change to the Florida Gulf Coast University excess hour rate for its 2012-2013 graduating class to remedy an error with the reporting of dual enrolled credit hours. The change revises the university's 2012-2013 excess hour rate from 62% to 74% and increases the points earned under the performance funding model, but does not result in any change to the amount of funds allocated to the university under the model. Mr. Kuntz seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

B. Approval, 2014-2015 University Work Plans and Performance Funding Improvement Plans

Mr. Colson stated that over the course of two days, the Committee reviewed university work plans which are the critical connection between the Board's system-wide Strategic Plan and the Annual Accountability Report. The university work plans demonstrate each university's contribution to overall system goals and provides information on the progress being made by each institution and areas for improvement. Mr. Colson moved approval of that portion of all university work plans associated with the 2014-2015 academic year, excluding those sections of the work plans that require any additional regulatory or procedural review or approval pursuant to law or Board regulations, and that the Board accepts the out-year portions of the work plans. Mr. Kuntz seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

In addition, Mr. Colson stated the Committee approved Performance Funding Improvement Plans for Florida Atlantic University, New College of Florida, and the University of West Florida, and he offered three separate motions for approval of the plans. Mr. Colson first moved that the Board approve the Performance Funding Improvement Plan for Florida Atlantic University. Mr. Kuntz seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

Mr. Colson then moved that the Board approve the Performance Funding Improvement Plan for New College of Florida. Mr. Kuntz seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

Finally, Mr. Colson moved approval of the Performance Funding Improvement Plan for the University of West Florida. Mr. Kuntz seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

7. Select Committee on Florida Polytechnic University Report

Mr. Kuntz reported that the Select Committee met yesterday in a joint session with the Strategic Planning Committee and received an update from Florida Polytechnic University that illustrates the progress made toward achieving the statutory benchmarks. The university also appears to be on track for admitting its first class of students for Fall Semester 2014.

8. Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

- A. Approval, Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Sciences, CIP 51.2314, University of South Florida, Tampa

Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve a Ph.D. in Rehabilitation Sciences, CIP 51.2314, at the University of South Florida. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

- B. Approval, Relocation of the Florida International University Broward County Educational Site

Mr. Tripp moved approval of the relocation of the Florida International University Broward Campus from its current location at 17195 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines, Florida, to a new facility constructed by Broward College at 1930 S.W. 145h Avenue, Miramar, Florida. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

- C. Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve public notice of intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.017, Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

- D. Final Approval of New Board of Governors Regulation 8.005 General Education Core Course Options

Mr. Tripp moved that the Board approve Board of Governors Regulation 8.005, General Education Core Options. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

9. Audit and Compliance Committee Report

Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Levine for the Audit and Compliance Committee report. Mr. Levine stated the Committee received an update on Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University's corrective action plan and an update on the certification process for data submissions related to the performance funding metrics.

- A. Approval, Charters
 - i. Board of Governors Audit and Compliance Committee Charter
 - ii. Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance Charter
- B. Approval, Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance Work Plan

Mr. Levine moved that the Board approve the Board of Governors Audit and Compliance Charter, the Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance Charter, and the Office of Inspector General and Director of Compliance Work Plan. Mr. Colson seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

10. Facilities Committee Report

- A. Approval, 2014-2015 University CITF Project Allocations

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the 2014-2015 University CITF Project Allocations as presented. Mr. Carter seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

- B. Approval, 2014-2015 Critical Deferred Maintenance Allocations

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the 2014-2015 Critical Deferred Maintenance Allocations as presented. Ms. Link seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

- C. Approval, New College of Florida Educational Plant Survey Validation

Mr. Huizenga moved that the Board approve the New College of Florida Educational Plant Survey Validation. Mr. Colson seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

- D. Approval, 2015-2016 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request Guidelines

Mr. Huizenga moved approval of the 2015-2016 Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request Guidelines as presented. Mr. Colson seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

11. Budget and Finance Committee Report

A. Approval, Allocation of Performance Funds

Mr. Kuntz stated the Committee approved the allocation of \$200 million in funding appropriated by the legislature and approved by the Governor for performance funding. Mr. Kuntz moved approval of the \$200 million in performance funding in accordance with the allocations set forth in the materials presented to the Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

B. Approval, 2015-2016 Legislative Budget Request Guidelines

Mr. Kuntz moved approval of the revised 2015-2016 Legislative Budget Request Guidelines for the operating budget as presented. Mr. Tripp seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

As an informational item, Mr. Kuntz reported the Committee will be holding a workshop tentatively set for October 8, 2014, at Florida Atlantic University, for the purpose of considering whether any changes should be made to the performance funding metrics. He said the Committee took note of the university comments made during the work plan presentations to the Strategic Planning Committee and asked that any additional comments be submitted prior to the workshop.

12. Innovation and Online Committee Report

Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Lautenbach to report on the activities of the Innovation and Online Committee. Mr. Lautenbach said the Committee had a full-day meeting at Florida Gulf Coast University on May 8, 2014, to hear each university's current and planned program for online education, and a follow-up meeting on June 9, 2014, to discuss the issues arising from the May 8 meeting that require further exploration. The Committee also met today to discuss the possibility of having a common learning management system and directed staff to analyze the impact a common learning management system would have on the institutions, faculty and students, and report back to the Committee in September.

13. Nomination and Governance Committee Report

A. Appointment of University Trustee: University of Florida (1 vacancy)

Chair Hosseini reported the Nomination and Governance Committee had one action item on the agenda pertaining to the vacancy on the University of Florida Board of Trustees. Chair Hosseini moved that the Board appoint David Lee Brandon to the University of Florida Board of Trustees for a term beginning on June 19, 2014, and ending January 6, 2015, subject to confirmation by the Senate and Mr. Brandon attending a Board of Governors orientation. Mr. Colson seconded the motion, and the members concurred.

Chair Hosseini also reported on the discussion had by the Committee related to presidential searches. He stated that the Committee asked Vice Chair Kuntz to work with Chancellor Criser to explore options and return to the Board with recommendations.

14. Health Initiatives Committee Report

Chair Hosseini recognized Mr. Morton to report on the activities of the Health Initiatives Committee. Mr. Morton said the Committee formed an advisory group of health care experts to assist the Committee. The advisory group met on April 28, 2014, and discussed trends in health care and certain dynamics, such as the disproportionate role that health care plays in relation to job opportunities and the state's economy. A questionnaire has been distributed to the universities, with responses due in mid-July. A Committee meeting will be held in late July for the purpose of receiving reports from the universities and advice from the advisory group. Mr. Morton emphasized the first year of the Committee's activities is devoted to conducting an environmental scan to determine the landscape and resource needs for the State University System to assist the state in improving health care business opportunities and the state's economy.

15. Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

Chair Hosseini stated that it is time to take the State University System to the next level and to do so, the members, the universities, their boards and presidents all have to be accountable and committed. Chair Hosseini then recognized Dr. Manoj Chopra who has served as the faculty representative to the Board for the past two years.

Dr. Chopra said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Board. He thanked the members for their strong commitment to the educational and holistic welfare and development of the students, and thanked the former and current Chairs for their leadership. He remarked that our institutions have highly productive and talented faculty and agreed with Ms. Frost, that faculty are the backbone of successful

institutions. Dr. Chopra introduced his successor, Dr. Katherine Robinson, an Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of North Florida.

Dr. Robinson thanked Dr. Chopra and said she was excited about the opportunity to bring the faculty perspective to the important issues addressed by the Board of Governors. Dr. Robinson stated she has been on faculty at the University of North Florida for twenty-one years and looks forward to working with the Board.

Chair Hosseini thanked Dr. Robinson and stated that the Board looks forward to her coming on board in the fall. He reminded members that the next meeting will be held September 17 and 18, 2014, at the University of West Florida. Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m., June 19, 2014.

Mori Hosseini, Chair

Vikki Shirley,
Interim Corporate Secretary

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

SUBJECT: Chancellor's Report to the Board of Governors

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information Only

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Chancellor Marshall Criser III will report on activities affecting the Board staff and the Board of Governors since the last meeting of the Board.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Marshall Criser III

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
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SUBJECT: Public Comment

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Article V, Section H, Board of Governors Operating Procedures; Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Article V, Section H, of the Board of Governors Operating Procedures provides for public comment on propositions before the Board. The Board will reserve a maximum of fifteen minutes during the plenary meeting of the Board to take public comment.

Individuals, organizations, groups or factions who desire to appear before the Board to be heard on a proposition pending before the Board shall complete a public comment form specifying the matter on which they wish to be heard. Public comment forms will be available at each meeting and must be submitted prior to the plenary meeting.

Organizations, groups or factions wishing to address the Board on a proposition shall designate a representative to speak on its behalf to ensure the orderly presentation of information to the Board. Individuals and representatives of organizations, groups or factions shall be allotted three minutes to present information; however, this time limit may be extended or shortened depending upon the number of speakers at the discretion of the Chair.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Chair Mori Hosseini

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

SUBJECT: Amend Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve amendment to Board of Governors Regulation 6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulation 6.017 includes the provision that all twelve credit hours that meet the composition coursework required for the "Gordon Rule" must be within the general education program. The proposed amendment allows for the six (6) credit hours of non-English composition coursework to be taught outside of general education. This amendment provides similar standards as those required by the State Board of Education for Florida College System institutions.

Amendments reflect changes proposed originally by the State University System undergraduate deans. It has been reviewed by the university general counsels, Council of Academic Vice Presidents, Council of Student Affairs, and other state university staff. The regulation was approved for noticing by the Board on June 18, 2014. No concerns were expressed about the amendment language during the notice period.

Supporting Documentation Included: Amended Regulation 6.017

Facilitators/Presenters: Governor Tripp

6.017 Criteria for Awarding the Baccalaureate Degree

(1) Except as approved by the Board of Governors, all students receiving a baccalaureate degree within the State University System must meet the following graduation requirements:

- (a) Completion of thirty-six (36) semester hours of general education courses in the subject areas of communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences, including:
 - 1. Six (6) semester hours of English Composition coursework ~~and six semester hours of additional coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. Each institution shall designate the courses that fulfill the writing requirements of this section.~~ Students awarded college credit in English Composition courses based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction shall be considered to have satisfied this requirement to the extent of the college credit awarded.
 - 2. Six (6) semester hours of mathematics coursework at the level of college algebra or higher. Applied logic, statistics and other computation-based coursework that may not be offered by a mathematics department may be used to fulfill three (3) of the six (6) hours required by this section. Students awarded college credit based on their demonstration of mathematics skills at the level of college algebra or higher through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction shall be considered to have satisfied this requirement to the extent of the college credit awarded.
- (b) Completion of an additional six semester hours of coursework in which the student is required to demonstrate college-level English language writing skills through multiple assignments. Each institution shall designate the courses that fulfill the writing requirements of this section. Students awarded college credit in one of these courses based on their demonstration of writing skills through dual enrollment, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate instruction shall be considered to have satisfied this requirement to the extent of the college credit awarded.
- (c) Completion of a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) credit hours through university coursework, acceleration mechanisms, and/or transfer credit.

(2) In addition to meeting system-wide graduation requirements, students must meet university and programmatic graduation requirements.

(3) At New College of Florida contracts and independent study projects take the place of credit hours and grades. Working with professors, students design a course of study that parallels their interests and establish contracts each semester that specify academic activities and how student achievement will be evaluated. Students also complete three month-long independent study projects and a senior thesis or senior project. The requirements for earning a Bachelor's degree at New College of Florida are satisfactory completion of the following: seven contracts, three independent study projects, the liberal arts curriculum requirements, a senior thesis or project, and a baccalaureate exam.

Authority: Section 7(d), Art. IX, Fla. Const., History -- Formerly 6C-6.17, 8-9-83, 8-11-85, 9-28-86, 10-19-88, 11-27-95, Amended an

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

September 18, 2014

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 State University System Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and approve the 2015-2016 SUS Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request.

Authorize the Chancellor, State University System of Florida, to make technical revisions to the 2015-2016 SUS Fixed Capital Outlay Legislative Budget Request.

Approval is recommended by the Chancellor.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The requested budget provides the State University System of Florida continued capital outlay support and has been prepared in accordance with statutory requirements and guidelines adopted by the Board of Governors on June 18, 2014. All university fixed capital outlay budget requests have been approved by the institutional boards of trustees.

This is the initial budget request for 2015-2016. A workshop is scheduled for October 8, 2014, at FAU's Jupiter campus. At the workshop, the Committee will review additional high priority projects; with detailed project presentations by university representatives. Amendments to the 2015-2016 FCO LBR will be considered in January 2015.

Specific Fixed Capital Outlay Appropriation Requests

- ◆ **[ADOPT \$190.8 M] The 2015-2016 SUS Five Year Fixed Capital Outlay Request** provides funding to meet A) critical deferred maintenance; B) high priority

scheduled maintenance; and C) completion of identified high priority projects.
(Attachment I)

- ◆ [ADOPT \$32 M] Request for Capital Improvement Trust Fund Allocation, represents a pro-rata allocation based on current CITF revenue projections, with a base assumption of no future fee increases. (Attachment III)

Supporting Documentation: Information is located with the Facilities
Committee materials

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
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SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.001
Tuition and Associated Fees

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation to publicly notice the intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.001 Tuition and Associated Fees.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This regulation is being amended to clarify the following:

- Eliminates the specific amount charged for undergraduate tuition and references the law.
- Eliminates the reference to the building fee as it was combined with the capital improvement fee during the 2013 session.
- Eliminates the additional charge associated with a college preparatory course. This change is made pursuant to the modification made in the 2013 session pursuant to SB 1720.
- Eliminates the date when a block tuition proposal is to be submitted to the Board. Dates will be established pursuant to the Board's data request system.
- Modifies the tuition differential language pursuant to HB 851 passed in 2014.
- Modifies the date the tuition differential report is due to the legislature from January 1 to February 1. The date was modified in SB 1514 during the 2013 session.
- Extends the date of the pilot period for market tuition programs to November 2016.
- Clarifies the appeal period for tuition differential and market tuition to be calendar days.

These changes have been shared with the universities and comments have been received. Where possible, modifications were made to address university suggestions.

If approved, the amended regulation will be noticed on the Board's website for 30 days with final approval by the Board at the November 6, 2014 meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee material

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Public Notice of Intent to Amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.008
Waiver and Exemptions of Tuition and Fees

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendation to publicly notice the intent to amend Board of Governors Regulation 7.008 Waiver of Tuition and Fees.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This regulation is being amended to clarify the following:

- Requires the university to designate an individual to handle student issues regarding waivers. This language is provided due to the numerous phone inquiries the Board Office receives regarding waivers and there is not always a central point of contact at the universities to handle student inquiries.
- Rewords and clarifies language regarding Florida Linkage Institutes.
- Adds language for Veteran's waivers pursuant to HB 7015 passed in 2014.
- Adds language for nonresident waivers pursuant to HB 851 passed in 2014.
- Adds language for child protection and child welfare personnel waivers pursuant to SB 1666 passed in 2014.

These changes have been shared with the universities and comments have been received. Where possible, modifications were made to address university suggestions.

If approved, the amended regulation will be noticed on the Board's website for 30 days with final approval by the Board at the November 6, 2014 meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee material

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

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 State University System Operating Budget

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the 2014-2015 State University System Operating Budget.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Regulation 9.007

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Each state university is required to submit a detailed operating plan for each budget entity for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The State University System (SUS) operating budget consists of five different budget entities; 1) Education and General, 2) Contracts and Grants, 3) Auxiliary Enterprises, 4) Local Funds, and 5) Faculty Practice Plans.

1. The Education and General Budget Entity (E&G) includes the allocation of funds appropriated by the 2014 Legislature, student tuition, and other previously appropriated funds. The E&G budget entity contains resources that provide educational opportunities to citizens through instructional programs; research directed toward solving technical, social, and economic problems facing the state and nation; and public service programs. Universities have flexibility in the development of the E&G operating budget but must report in the traditional SUS categories.
- 2) The Contracts and Grants budget entity supports research and public service through awards from federal, state, and local sources.
- 3) Auxiliary Enterprises is comprised of ancillary support units such as student housing, food service, bookstores, parking services, and computer support.

- 4) The Local Funds entity consists of operating resources for student activities, athletics, concessions, student financial aid, technology fee, Board-approved local fees, and self-insurance programs.
- 5) Finally, the Faculty Practice Plans provide for clinical activities associated with the University of Florida and University of South Florida Health Centers, and the Florida State University, University of Central Florida, and Florida International University Medical Schools.

Each University Board of Trustees has approved an operating budget. The universities have developed their budgets in accordance with Board Regulation 9.007 State University System Operating Budgets. The regulation requires each university to maintain an unencumbered balance in the E&G fund equal to or greater than 5% of the University Board of Trustees approved operating budget. If the unencumbered balance falls below 5%, the University President must provide written notification and explanation.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee material

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

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Board General Office Budget

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the 2014-2015 Board General Office Budget and authorize the Chancellor to make changes as necessary to support office functions.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; 2014 General Appropriations Act

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board General Office budget for 2014-2015 totals \$8.2 million and supports 63 authorized positions. The 2014 General Appropriations Act allocates funds by specific category and funding source as follows:

Appropriation Category	Appropriation
Salaries & Benefits - GR	\$5,599,582
Salaries & Benefits - Trust Funds	\$695,351
Other Personal Services - GR	\$51,310
Other Personal Services - Trust Funds	\$20,785
Expenses - GR	\$737,967
Expenses - Trust Funds	\$271,799
Operating Capital Outlay - GR	\$11,782
Operating Capital Outlay - Trust Funds	\$5,950
Contracted Services - GR	\$740,127
Contracted Services - Trust Funds	\$23,000
Risk Management Insurance	\$10,585
DMS - HR Services - GR	\$17,295
DMS - HR Services - Trust Funds	\$2,206

Data Processing Services - GR	\$21,562

Each funding source and category has specific restrictions on spending funds from that appropriation. Appropriations are allowed to be transferred between categories via budget transfers filed with the Governor's Office. These transfers cannot exceed five percent or \$250,000 whichever is greater. Any transfers in excess of this amount must be approved by the Legislature and Governor through an established budget amendment process.

Appropriation Funding Source:

- General Revenue – appropriations from this source has the least restrictions and can be used for any basic operating expense.
- Trust Funds – appropriations from this source are primarily used to support Board Facility Office staff and expenses.

Appropriation Category:

- Salaries & Benefits – salaries and benefits associated with 57 authorized positions.
- Other Personal Services – these funds are utilized for temporary employment. The Board utilizes university students to supplement basic phone coverage and other office needs.
- Expenses – these funds are utilized for basic operating expenses such as travel, rent, office supplies, or equipment costing less than \$1,000.
- Operating Capital Outlay – these funds are utilized for items costing more than \$1,000, such as computers or furniture.
- Contracted Services – these funds are utilized for any service requiring a contractual agreement.
- Risk Management Insurance – these funds are transferred to the Department of Management Services to cover the costs associated with the State's risk management pool.
- DMS – HR Services – these funds are transferred to the Department of Management Services to cover the costs associated with the State's PeopleFirst System.
- Data Processing Services – these funds are transferred to the Northwest Regional Data Center to pay for data storage services.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee material

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

September 18, 2014

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 State University System Legislative Budget Request

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.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee Materials

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

SUBJECT: 2015-2016 Board General Office Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the 2015-2016 Board General Office 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 Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Annually, the Board of Governors must prepare and submit a Board General Office Legislative Budget Request (LBR) for 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 will be presented to the Legislature and Governor by the statutory due date.

The Board General Office requests a continuation budget of \$7.7 million to support 63 positions and associated operating expenses.

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

Pursuant to the legislative budget instructions, each agency must prepare a five percent reduction plan. The Board General Office plan is included for information purposes.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee material