

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Academic and Student Affairs Committee**  
January 21, 2015

**SUBJECT:** The Climate for Research Today and Faculty Roles and Responsibilities

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Of the university's tripartite mission of teaching, research, and service, it is the research component that sets it apart from other types of postsecondary institutions. All institutions in the State University System have active research agendas. These range from multi-institution, multi-disciplinary team research at major institutes and centers to the research carried out individually by faculty throughout the State University System.

Exploring the role of research in the State University System is part of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Work Plan. Dr. David Norton, Vice President for Research at the University of Florida, will make a brief presentation on how university research has changed over the past decade and how those changes have affected faculty. Research that federal and national agencies fund today is often considerably more inter-disciplinary, multi-institutional, applied, and transformational. As a result, faculty roles and responsibilities have changed in significant ways in order to respond to the competitive and collaborative climate for much of the research that gets funded today.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None

**Facilitators/Presenters:** Dr. David Norton, Vice President for Research and Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Florida