

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

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SUBJECT: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University - Florida State University
Joint College of Engineering Study

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Discuss the findings of the FAMU-FSU Joint College of Engineering Study

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the Legislative Session of 2014, the Florida Board of Governors was directed to obtain the services of an independent non-Florida based educational consultant to conduct an academic feasibility study of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University - Florida State University Joint College of Engineering. The Collaborative Braintrust Consulting Firm's University Division of Sacramento, California responded to a RFP and received the contract to conduct the study. The purpose of the study was to analyze the pros and cons of maintaining the status quo collaboration that currently exists between the two Universities with respect to the College of Engineering, including an examination of the original mission of the Joint College, and the pros and cons of developing differentiated engineering programs at each university. The study includes a cost-benefit analysis of each option, analyzed in the context of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and with the goal of achieving world class engineering opportunities for students at both universities. The study also includes an analysis of statewide public and private postsecondary engineering program offerings and workforce demand for engineering degrees at the baccalaureate and graduate levels.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Summary and Staff Analysis
2. Transmittal Letter
3. Final Report
4. Works Referenced
5. Appendices

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