

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
March 19, 2015

**SUBJECT:** 2016-2017 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Guidelines

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approve the 2016-2017 LBR guidelines for the operating budget.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Subsection 1001.706(4)(b), Florida Statutes

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The 2016 Legislative Session begins January 12, 2016, about two months earlier than normal. It is anticipated that LBR dues dates will be advanced from October 15 to September 15 in order to meet the 2016 Session schedule. In order to meet this anticipated accelerated schedule for developing the LBR, the Board needs to approve a set of policy guidelines for the development of the 2016-2017 operating and fixed capital outlay budget request. The Board will then review and approve a 2016-2017 operating and fixed capital outlay LBR at the September 2015 meeting. The final budget request will then be forwarded to the Governor and Legislature.

The recommended changes, excluding technical changes, from Board staff to the previous adopted LBR guidelines are as follows:

- I. **Operating LBR** - These are the primary changes:
  - a. Clarifies that system initiatives should be vetted through the appropriate university council before submission to the Board for consideration.
  - b. Includes dates for a Budget & Finance Committee workshop to consider changes to the performance funding model.
  
- II. **Fixed Capital Outlay LBR** - There are the primary changes:
  - a. Includes dates for a Facilities Committee workshop to review projects with the universities.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Information located in the Budget and Finance Committee materials