

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
September 3, 2015**

SUBJECT: 2016-2017 State University System Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the 2016-2017 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 September 15. The budget must be reviewed and recommendations made on the issues to be included in the 2016-2017 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.

The Board approved the 2016-2017 LBR Guidelines at the March 2015 meeting. Technical instructions were provided to the universities and they responded with system and individual university budget needs.

State University System (SUS):

The LBR totals \$4.66 billion and represents a 3.5% increase in state investments for the State University System. This request consists of 4 major components:

- a. Performance Funding of \$100 million in new state funds. This would bring the total to \$500 million; \$250 million in the state's investment and \$250 million in the institution's investment. These funds will be allocated based on the Board's 10-metric performance funding model.
- b. System Workload Initiatives - \$5.4 million. This includes funding for plant operations and maintenance for new and existing facilities and UF-IFAS workload.
- c. Campus Safety and Mental Health Initiatives - \$20.2 million is requested to support enhanced campus safety initiatives and counseling staff.

- d. Research/System Initiatives - \$30.7 million. This includes potential funding for various initiatives that will be discussed in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee or the Innovation and Online Committee. In addition, the Budget and Finance Committee will consider three initiatives: Florida Academic Repository, Consortium of Metropolitan Research Universities and the Johnson Matching Gift Program.

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

Also included in the material is information on the Major Gift Matching program which has an unmatched balance of \$285 million and was suspended by the Legislature several years ago. In addition, universities have provided information on various initiatives for which they would like to seek 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. These efficiencies are expected to save approximately \$54 million or in many cases provide value added by increasing efficiencies and/or saving staff time.,
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).

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