

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
March 16, 2016**

SUBJECT: Raising the Research Profile of the State University System

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

One of the goals of the State University System, as noted by Chair Kuntz, is raising the research profile of the State University System to become nationally known as “Best in Class” for research. Over the past several years, the System has focused attention upon research, which has resulted in increased synergy and a new spirit of collaboration to build upon.

The SUS Vice Presidents for Research have identified four major research foci for Florida, including Health, Big Data, Advanced Manufacturing, and Marine/Coastal Sciences, and they have signed a shared IRB form that will expedite the process of applying for federal and national grants. They recently held a teleconference to develop for consideration the next steps in raising the State University System’s research profile.

Vice Chancellor Ignash will provide a brief overview of research in the system and discuss possible strategies which the Board might consider for advancing research throughout the State University System.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2016-2017 Work Plan; Draft Schedule of Topics

Facilitators/Presenters:

Dr. Jan Ignash