

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

SUBJECT: National Academy of Inventors, University of South Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The National Academy of Inventors (NAI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2010 at the University of South Florida to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, enhance the visibility of academic technology and innovation, encourage the disclosure of intellectual property, educate and mentor innovative students, and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society. It now boasts more than 3,000 individual inventor members and fellows spanning more than 200 institutions across the country, including representation from each State University System of Florida institution.

President Judy Genshaft will introduce Dr. Paul Sanberg; Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development, and President of NAI to provide an overview of the organization and its role in advancing Florida research and innovation. Additionally, inventors from the SUS will provide short presentations on their research and how it translates into real-world solutions.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Judy Genshaft