

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
June 22, 2016

SUBJECT: Panel Discussion with Vice Presidents for Research

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

University research is a key driver of economic development and one of the major functions that distinguishes universities from other types of postsecondary institutions.

On May 6, 2016 the State University System (SUS) Vice Presidents for Research met with Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Jan Ignash and Associate Vice Chancellor Christy England-Siegerdt to discuss strategies identified in the Board of Governor's Research Work Plan that are designed to help the SUS achieve national and international prominence in research. Strategies discussed included the recruitment of top research faculty and graduate students and the need for state-of-the-art research facilities necessary to attract star faculty. The group also discussed collaborating with business and industry to further statewide economic development.

In addition, the Council discussed whether the best overall strategy to move the SUS toward world-class research status should be incremental or rapid. The Council also discussed ways that all SUS institutions, both large and small, can participate and be used as a resource to expand the SUS research portfolio. Further, the group discussed possible metrics that could be used to document progress in elevating SUS research.

The SUS Research Vice Presidents will engage with Board members to provide overviews of these topics and set the stage for further exploration into these key issues.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Governor Kuntz; Dr. Jan Ignash;
Members, SUS Council of Research Vice
Presidents