

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 21, 2016**

SUBJECT: State University System Mental Health Counseling Services Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information and consideration of the State University System Mental Health Counseling Services Legislative Budget Request

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The State University System Mental Health Counseling Services Legislative Budget Request is designed to increase campus counseling services in order to address the critical need for student mental and behavioral health coverage in a State University System that is steadily expanding in size, scope, and complexity.

SUS leaders have identified the need for an increasing number of well-trained, professional counselors to address the mental and behavioral health of university students. This legislative budget request is for \$14,449,575 (\$12,528,253 recurring and \$1,921,322 nonrecurring) for additional mental health professionals and staff, including psychologists, mental health counselors, psychiatric ARNPs, case managers, prevention specialists, and office staff. The LBR is designed to raise the staffing levels of the SUS Counseling Centers to the staffing ratios recommended by the profession's accreditation association, the International Association of Counseling Services.

Supporting Documentation Included: Legislative Budget Request Forms I & II

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