

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Strategic Planning Committee  
August 31, 2021**

**SUBJECT:** Pillars of Excellence 2021-22 Spending Plans

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider approval of 2021-22 spending plans for universities receiving funding as part of the Board of Governors Pillars of Excellence initiative.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At its August 29, 2019 meeting, the Board of Governors identified three Pillars of Excellence as a framework for funding System initiatives. The Pillars included: Performance Based Funding, Universities of Distinction, and Preeminence/National Ranking. Universities of Distinction is designed to support the nine non-preeminent institutions in the State University System. In the fall of 2019, institutions submitted proposals to the Board of Governors that identified a program or program area that is a core competence capable of reaching national or state excellence. Universities of Distinction was formally established by the 2020 Legislature, in section 1001.7065, Florida Statutes.

The 2020 Legislature provided \$6 million to the University of North Florida and \$3 million to Florida Gulf Coast University to support the Universities of Distinction Pillar. Additionally, the legislature provided \$15 million to the University of Florida and \$15 million to Florida State University to support the Preeminence/National Ranking pillar. The Board requested 2021-22 spending plans for the four institutions that received funding in the 2020 legislative session, as this funding is recurring except for \$3 million out of the \$6 million provided to the University of North Florida.

Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the 2021-22 spending plans for the University of North Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of Florida, and Florida State University to the Strategic Planning Committee to consider for approval.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Pillars of Excellence 2021-22  
Spending Plans

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

Dr. Christy England