

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
September 13, 2022

SUBJECT: Pillars of Excellence 2022-23 Spending Plans

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of 2022-23 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 supports 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 2022-23 spending plans for the four institutions that received funding in the 2020 legislative session. This funding is recurring except for \$3 million out of the \$6 million provided to the University of North Florida.

Ms. Emily Sikes, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Economic Development, will provide an overview of the 2022-23 spending plans for the University of North Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of Florida, and Florida State University. If approved by the Strategic Planning Committee, the 2022-23 spending plans will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2022-23 Pillars of Excellence Spending Plans

Facilitators/Presenters: Ms. Emily Sikes