

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Task Force on Academic and Workforce Alignment  
September 13, 2022**

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation 1: Deans' Partnerships with Employers

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In January 2022, the Board of Governors approved the recommendations from the Task Force on Academic and Workforce Alignment, which aim to strengthen the relationship between State University System institutions and the Florida business community.

The first Task Force recommendation is to create a symbiotic partnership between state universities and Florida employers. The overall goal of this recommendation is to strengthen these partnerships, which will ensure that the curriculum offered by each university is relevant to their respective industries and to facilitate research, programs, and internship opportunities. Action items included within this recommendation charge college deans from each institution to do the following.

- Maintain relationships with the CEO or c-suite executive of the five largest employers of graduates from their college.
- Review the industry advisory council(s) for individual departments. Departments that do not have advisory councils should develop a plan for establishing one.

Board staff collected information from State University System institutions related to the implementation of these recommendations. At this meeting, the Task Force will hear from Dr. Jaromy Kuhl, Dean of the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering at the University of West Florida, Dr. Curt Lox, Dean of the Brooks College of Health at the University of North Florida, and Dr. Youcheng Wang, Dean of the Rosen College of Hospitality Management at the University of Central Florida, regarding their relationships with employers and the activities of industry advisory councils.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Summary of Deans' Employer Partnerships in the State University System

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