

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
March 29, 2023**

SUBJECT: Amended 2023-2024 State University System Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve the amended 2023-2024 operating Legislative Budget Request for the State University System and allow the Chancellor to make technical changes as necessary.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Section 216.023, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Three amendments are being proposed to the 2023-2024 Legislative Budget Request:

1. **Johnson Scholarships Matching** – In September, the Board approved \$72,500 in incremental funding to match donations by the Johnson Foundation. In January, the Johnson Foundation donated an additional \$20,000. Statute requires the state to match 50 percent. Therefore, a request is being made to increase the amount by \$10,000 to \$82,500.
2. **UF – Hamilton Center for Classical & Civic Education** – In September, the Board approved \$5 million in operational funds. This Center was created in section 1004.6496, Florida Statutes, during the 2022 legislative session. The Center is an academic unit within the University of Florida. The purpose of the center is to support teaching and research concerning the ideas, traditions, and texts that form the foundations of Western and American civilization. The Center will coordinate with the Florida Institute of Politics at Florida State University and the Adam Smith Center for the Study of Economic Freedom at Florida International University. A request is being made to increase the amount by \$5 million to \$10 million. This will ensure adequate funds are available for operation at the Center.
3. **New College of Florida – Operational Enhancement** - \$10 million in recurring funds and \$5 million in nonrecurring funds for a total of \$15 million is being requested for operational enhancements as determined by the President and Board of Trustees. Of the funds provided, \$5 million shall be used to provide student scholarships.

Supporting Documentation-Included: Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee Materials