Chancellor's Message

Trustees,

As we continue to monitor and respond to the 2023 Legislative Session, it is important to highlight the State University System's enormous impact on the state of Florida's current and future economic success. Over the last several years, we have leaned in to raise the System's research profile and address the research needs of the state. Our goal is to ensure we do the very best job possible of communicating the impact of each of our universities, the benefit to our students, and the importance of our role in our state's economic growth and development. I look forward to continuing to develop our partnership with the legislature so our students can continue to benefit from a high quality education at a low cost.

Ray Rodrigues
House and Senate Budget Recommendations

House Highlights

- $50M in Performance-Based Funding Recruitment and Retention
- $1.7M in FL Postsecondary Academic Library Network (matches the Board’s request)
- $3.9M for UF/IFAS Extension Workload (matches the Board's request)
- $82,500 for Johnson Scholarships (matches the Board's request)
- $10M for UF-Hamilton Center
- $15M for NCF Operational Enhancement
- $26.1M for other university initiatives

Fixed Capital Outlay:
- $350M for 30 projects. Of these, 15 were on the Board’s PECO funding list. CITF is fully funded at $44M, which matches the Board's request. The Board's request for maintenance funding is not included.

Senate Highlights

- $350M Performance-Based Funding (matches Board's request)
- $100M for Performance-Based Funding Excellence (matches the Board’s request)
- $25M for Performance-Based Funding Improvement (matches the Board's request)
- $100M for Preeminent Universities (matches the Board’s request)
- $3.9M for UF/IFAS Extension Workload (matches the Board's request)
- $82,500 for Johnson Scholarships (matches the Board’s request)
- $5M for UF-Hamilton Center
- $15M for NCF Operational Enhancement
- $69M for other university initiatives

Fixed Capital Outlay:
- $416M for 30 projects. Of these, 17 were on the Board’s PECO funding list. CITF is fully funded at $44M, which matches the Board's request. The Board's request for maintenance funding is not included.
Leading the way in research and innovation

Return on investment in research continues to increase, producing gains in the amount of economic impact & number of jobs

**$2.56 B** Total research expenditures

Representing a **10%** year-over-year increase, which supports the System's goal of reaching **$3 B** in research in 2025.

**SUS Federal Research Expenditures have increased 26%** in the last five years.

This increase demonstrates that our institutions have successfully competed for federal research awards

**Florida is the 5th largest public system in the nation for research expenditures**

**SUS institutions collaborated across the system on 169 federal awards**

**SUS ranks 2nd for tech transfers in the nation!**

Technology transfers include sharing knowledge or technologies to promote product and service commercialization.
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LEWIS BEAR

who passed away on the 3rd of March, 2023.

"Lewis Bear was most known for his deep generosity and sense of community. He was an unwavering force for good across Northwest Florida. He served on UWF’s board of trustees for more than a decade, using his business acumen to establish best practices and procedures to lay a foundation for the academic success of the students at the university. It is difficult to imagine Northwest Florida without Lewis Bear, but his impact will be felt for generations."

Brian Lamb, Chair of the Board of Governors