

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Research Excellence Committee
November 6, 2025

SUBJECT: 2025 Foreign Countries of Concern Report

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the 2025 Foreign Countries of Concern Report.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, Section 288.860, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 288.860, Florida Statutes, requires the Board of Governors to submit a report by December 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the partnerships and agreements of state universities with foreign principals based in countries of concern. The statute defines countries of concern as the People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the Venezuelan regime of Nicholas Maduro, or the Syrian Arab Republic, including any agency of or any other entity under significant control of such foreign country of concern.

For the 2023-24 Fiscal Year, the first year for which this report was drafted, 4 of the 12 state universities reported a total of 140 agreements, partnerships, or contracts that were in place prior to the change in statute in 2023. Of the 140 reported agreements, partnerships, or contracts, universities terminated 77, allowed 47 to expire, and reported 16 still active.

For the 2024-25 Fiscal Year, 4 of the 12 state universities reported a total of 25 agreements, partnerships, or contracts. Of the 25 reported agreements, partnerships, or contracts, universities terminated 8, allowed 14 to expire, and reported 3 still active. The three active agreements will expire between 2029 and 2035.

If approved by the Academic and Research Excellence Committee, this item will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. Ms. Emily Sikes, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will provide an overview of the 2025 report.

Supporting Documentation Included:	2025 Foreign Countries of Concern Report
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