STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic Excellence and Economic Prosperity Committee
November 13, 2026

SUBJECT: 2026 Foreign Countries of Concern Report

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the 2026 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 an annual report by December 1to 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 2024-25 Fiscal Year, four of the 12 state universities reported a total of 25 agreements, partnerships, or contracts. Of the 25 reported agreements, partnerships, or contracts, universities terminated eight, allowed 14 to expire, and reported three still active. The three active agreements will expire between 2029 and 2035.

For the 2025-26 Fiscal Year, four of the 12 state universities reported a total of 39 agreements, partnerships, or contracts. Of the 39 reported agreements or contracts, universities terminated one, allowed 34 to expire, and reported four still active. Three of the active agreements will expire between 2029 and 2034, and one royalty-payment contract remains ongoing.

If approved by the Academic Excellence and Economic Prosperity Committee, this item will be forwarded to the full Board for consideration. Dr. Lynn Nelson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Innovation, will provide an overview of the 2026 report.

Supporting Documentation Included:	2026 Foreign Countries of Concern Report
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