

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Research Excellence Committee
January 27, 2021**

SUBJECT: National Science Foundation Meeting Update

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The National Science Foundation (NSF), with a budget of \$8.3 billion in FY 2020, is an independent federal agency created by Congress in 1950 to promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; and to secure the national defense. In June 2020, Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan was appointed as the 15th Director of NSF. He will serve a six-year term.

On December 17, 2020, the SUS Vice Presidents for Research met with Dr. Panchanathan to discuss NSF research program priorities. Dr. Daniel Flynn, Chair of the SUS Vice Presidents for Research, will provide an overview of the meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Daniel Flynn