

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

February 17, 2011

SUBJECT: Student Life Facilities Survey Report and Recommendations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Consider the Student Life Facilities Survey Report for Approval to Submit to the Governor and Legislature and add to the Board's 2011 legislative agenda.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Subsection 7, Florida Constitution and House Bill 5001 (General Appropriations Act proviso)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Student Life Facilities Survey Report is being forwarded from the Budget and Finance Committee for full Board consideration. This report was produced in response to a proviso request of the 2010 Legislature:

"... the Board of Governors shall conduct a needs assessment survey of the state university system of student life facilities and develop recommendations to address unmet renovation or new facility needs identified by the survey. The recommendations shall specifically consider the impact of existing policies, statutory provisions, and regulations in meeting these needs and the unique challenges of smaller institutions or branch campuses."

The 2010 Student Life Facility Survey has been completed, and is attached for consideration. This report was a collaborative effort, including the Board Office of Finance and Facilities, Academic and Student Affairs, University Facility Planners, University Vice-Presidents for Student Affairs, and the student government representatives.

The survey provided confirmation that significant needs exist for new student life facilities and the renovation or replacement of many existing facilities. Parking and housing demand should be reasonably met by the existing financing framework and

process. However, the demand for student facilities such as student unions, recreational fields, wellness centers and cafeterias, estimated at over \$650 million, will not be met within the existing financing framework.

There is university support for the conclusions reached in the report, and student representatives are supportive of allowing limited increases to building fees to be established at the local level, with Board oversight.

Recommendation

- Amend Section 1009.24 F.S. to provide financing for student life facilities.
- Develop a regulatory process so that local boards of trustees may request Board consideration of per credit hour increases to the State University System Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) Fee of no more than of \$1.00 per year, after consultation with the student government.
- The Board of Governors should develop regulations consistent with Section 1013.74 F.S. requirement that the student government association be consulted on all proposed new student life facilities.

Supporting Documentation Included: Documentation is included with the February 10, 2011 Budget and Finance Committee materials

Facilitators/Presenters: Governor Perez