

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
November 10, 2011**

SUBJECT: Dental Education

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Endorse the Chancellor's signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Florida Department of Health; Consider for Approval on an Individual Basis Collaborative Proposals with Regard to Dental Education as Submitted by Universities

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Having spent portions of its last three meetings on the subject of dental education, the Board indicated that it would conclude its discussions and make final determinations at its November 10, 2011 meeting.

The Board is now in a position to make determinations based on its direction in September 2011 that the universities interested in either expanding or in creating new dental schools work among themselves to determine whether a collaborative arrangement or arrangements could be reached. Two proposals were presented on November 9, 2011 to the Board's Strategic Planning Committee. Also, as noted in the Strategic Planning Committee's backup materials, the Chancellor has met with the Secretary of the Florida Department of Health to explore, via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), seeking legislative support for any programs or initiatives that would increase the number of dentists practicing in underserved geographic areas, and that would have the potential for increasing the number of minority dentists. A draft MOU is included in the Board's Strategic Planning Committee materials and, if endorsed by the Board of Governors, would be jointly signed at a later date.

Supporting Documentation Included: (Strategic Planning Committee Materials)

Facilitators / Presenters: Governor Martin