

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 12, 2012**

SUBJECT: Jewish Museum of Florida to be a Special Purpose Center of Florida
International University

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider for approval the Jewish Museum of Florida to be a Special Purpose Center of Florida International University.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board Regulation 8.009

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Florida International University (FIU) is requesting that the Jewish Museum of Florida (JMOF) be approved as a Special Purpose Center in accordance with Board Regulation 8.009, Educational Sites. The proposal states that the "JMOF facility and its collection of archival materials will enhance the development of existing and new curriculum at FIU by intensifying collaboration within the School of International and Public Affairs, as well as other units in the College of Arts & Sciences. This includes the Departments of History, Religious Studies, English, Global and Sociocultural Studies, Politics and International Relations and the programs in European Studies, Judaic Studies, Middle East Studies, Sephardic Studies, Spirituality and Women's Studies."

No full degree programs will be offered at the site and FIU will submit appropriate documentation to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to ensure the new site is covered under its regional accreditation. The museum itself is accredited by the American Association of Museums and that accreditation will be continued. It is expected that over 300 students will take courses at the special purpose center in year one and by year five approximately 1,000 students will be enrolled in courses at JMOF.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposal

Facilitators/Presenters: Staff, Florida International University