

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

PECO Discussion Topics

The State University System is facing an unprecedented reduction in PECO appropriations. The forecast calls for no funding for new projects for 2011-12 and 2012-13. Moreover, funding for PECO maintenance will be reduced by a minimum of 50-80%. The SUS has a critical deferred maintenance backlog of well over \$1 billion.

Emergency repairs and maintenance must be given the highest priority. Existing appropriations should be reserved as much as possible for emergency repairs and maintenance. An emergency should be defined by each institution, but must include life safety items, as well as protecting building integrity.

Flexibility – The universities are seeking broad flexibility to maintain the existing physical plant. We received many suggestions, but these appear to be most viable.

Legislative action required:

- Waive the requirements S. 216.301 for one year to provide additional time to expend fixed capital outlay appropriations. Universities could reserve a portion of existing PECO maintenance appropriations for emergency repairs.
- Revert and reappropriate to provide for maintenance needs.
- Provide authority for the Legislative Budget Commission to authorize fixed capital outlay appropriations for repair and maintenance of existing facilities. (Not currently available)
- Add language on Public-Private Partnerships.

Board action only

- Amend BOG Regulations to provide broader funding authority to effect emergency repairs.
- Limit non-essential repairs.