

MINUTES  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE  
BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA  
OCTOBER 27, 2010

Mr. Rood convened the meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Board of Governors by telephone conference call, from Tallahassee at 9:05 a.m., October 27, 2010, with the following members present: Dean Colson; Patricia Frost; Mori Hosseini; and Tico Perez. Mr. Gus Stavros was also present.

1. New Florida 2010 Initiative: Award and Funding Recommendations

Mr. Rood said the Committee was prepared to review the State University System's Scholar's Boost and Clustering award recommendations for the \$10 million appropriated by the Legislature. He thanked Mrs. Frost for her work with staff, particularly with Dr. LeMon. Mrs. Frost said this meeting was to hear an update on the New Florida 2010 Initiative and the process, the criteria, and the methodology used in making the recommendations. She said action on the recommendations would be taken at the Committee meeting and at the Board meeting the following week.

Dr. LeMon said the recommendations were compiled by staff and were included in the agenda materials for the Committee's consideration at the meeting the following week. He said the Legislature had appropriated \$10 million for this New Florida Initiative without any restrictions. He said the Initiative was intended to provide a clear demonstration to the public and the Florida Legislature that the System was prepared to transform Florida's economy while being accountable as to how these dollars would be expended and the expected outcomes. He said there were two program areas being funded. He said the first program, the Scholar's Boost program, was to be used to recruit and retain the best faculty, to enable the university to "boost" the conversation with a prospective faculty hire or to keep a faculty member from leaving a university for another job. He explained that the Clustering awards were intended to promote new and exciting collaboration across the State University System in teaching, research and service in ways to solve some of Florida's major challenges. He said they had decided in this first round to fund proposals primarily in the STEM disciplines, science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He said the categories were broad enough to allow all the universities to apply and to participate in the process.

Dr. LeMon said they had received 93 proposals, for a total of \$32 million, involving hundreds of faculty across the System. He said these were excellent proposals and there were far more than they were able to fund. He noted that all the

universities were pleased with the process and the award structure. He said that of the proposals not funded, many were ready to be submitted to other funding agencies. He said 31 proposals were recommended for funding: 16 Scholar's Boost awards worth \$3.5 million and 15 Clustering awards worth \$6.5 million. He said that 42 percent were in health-related or engineering fields. He said one System-wide consortium in climate change was recommended for funding; UWF's proposal would involve the entire university in looking at aging in the community. Other proposals to be funded included looking at environmental/geophysical threats, coastal watersheds, marine science and fisheries, and smart sensors.

Dr. LeMon said the focus for the awards this year had been in the STEM areas, but that this would not always be the focus. He said the reviewers had looked to see if there could be fast results from the proposals, and whether the universities were dedicating some of their own money, whether cash or in-kind support such as the use of existing facilities or faculty, into the proposals.

He explained that several members of the staff, including Chris Kinsley and Nancy McKee, had reviewed the proposals. He commented that they had used a National Institutes of Health proposal review tutorial in an effort to create inter- and intra-reader reliability. He said they had asked the universities to prioritize their proposals. He said they had also tried to fund the universities, taking into account student headcount, state support, and the research and development portfolio.

Mrs. Frost thanked Dr. LeMon for his explanation. Mr. Rood said he had spent some time looking at some of the proposals. He encouraged the universities to continue their collaborative efforts. He said he was impressed by the amount of work in developing these proposals. He said he hoped the System would have increased funding for this New Florida Initiative in later years. Mrs. Frost added that she hoped the proposals not funded through this Initiative might receive funding from other sources.

Mr. Rood said these recommendations would be presented to the Board at its November 4, 2010, meeting for final action.

## 2. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9: 25 a. m., October 27, 2010.

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Frank T. Martin, Chair

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Mary-Anne Bestebreurtje,  
Corporate Secretary