

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Strategic Planning Committee
November 5, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020-21 Legislative Budget Requests: Universities of Distinction, New College of Florida

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of the New College of Florida's 2021-22 University of Distinction Legislative Budget Request.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At its August 29, 2019 meeting, the Board of Governors identified three Pillars of Excellence as a framework for funding System initiatives. The Pillars included: Performance Based Funding, Universities of Distinction, and Preeminence/National Ranking. Universities of Distinction is designed to support the nine non-preeminent institutions in the State University System. In the fall of 2019, institutions submitted proposals to the Board of Governors that identified a program or program area that is a core competence capable of reaching national or state excellence. Universities of Distinction was formally established by the 2020 Legislature, in section 1001.7065, Florida Statutes.

Under the framework established by the Board of Governors in 2019 and supported by the 2020 Legislature, Universities of Distinction proposals may include multiple degree programs that support an area like health, or institutions can be very specific, such as increasing the number of registered nursing graduates to produce a stronger qualified workforce in the state of Florida and/or a particular region of the state. Proposals must demonstrate a unique focus for the institution. These initiatives should be flexible to allow for the distinctive array of strengths across the system. Proposals must also demonstrate how current or future workforce needs will be addressed, with a focus on producing high-quality talent. Lastly, each proposal should identify metrics for measuring success.

Dr. Christy England, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, will present New College of Florida's 2021-22 University of Distinction Legislative Budget Request. If approved by the Committee, the request will be forwarded to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Supporting Documentation Included: NCF 2021-22 Legislative Budget Request

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