

**Senate Education Appropriations Committee**  
**March 17, 2004**

The Senate Education Appropriations Committee released their proposed budget this evening that includes the following:

- ✓ Recommended tuition increase of 7.5% for in-state undergraduate, 12.5% for all others, plus authority for University Boards of Trustees to increase all levels, except in-state undergraduate students, by up to an additional 2.5%.
- ✓ Recommends fully funding the Bright Futures Program
- ✓ Enrollment growth funding for 11,496 FTE - \$61.3 million
- ✓ New Space PO&M funding of \$9.1 million
- ✓ Annualization of PO&M for Phased-in Space - \$2.7 million
- ✓ FSU Medical School - \$4.3 million
- ✓ FAMU Law School - \$1 million
- ✓ FAMU – Office of Civil Rights Agreement - \$1 million
- ✓ Major Gifts Matching - \$94.8 million total (includes recurring funds of \$1.7 million) – this will fund the backlog through December 31, 2003.
- ✓ Nursing, Teaching and Information Technology - \$9.1 million
- ✓ Research/Economic Development - \$19.8 million
- ✓ Technological Expansion – FGCU and NCF - \$1.6 million
- ✓ FSU Florida Center for Reading Research - \$1.6 million
- ✓ FAU start-up costs for the St. Lucie Charter School - \$500,000
- ✓ NCF Scholarship Restoration - \$500,000
- ✓ Operational costs for museums at UF, FSU, FAMU, UWF and FIU have been pulled out of the E&G Grant and Aid and put in a special category called University Museums / Conservatories. Funding will still be in the E&G section of the budget, but under a separate category. Senator Carlton indicated that discussions are still being held with the Presidents regarding this issue.