

**State University System
Senate Education Appropriations Committee
2005-2006 Budget Recommendations
March 23, 2005**

This committee passed their proposed Education budget this morning. The following highlights for the State University System include:

Overall:

- ✓ Recommends a \$101.4 million (5.1%) increase over the 2004-2005 recurring base appropriation. However, the recommendation is \$111.3 million (5.0%) under the total 2004-2005 state appropriation.
- ✓ Recommends no more than a 5% tuition increase for all levels. Universities would have discretion to implement this increase. A 5% tuition increase would generate approximately \$34.6 million.
- ✓ Re-institutes the appropriation of student tuition budget authority. Proviso states that University spending of tuition would be limited to the amounts in the appropriation bill. If this proviso is ruled invalid then tuition funds collected by the universities would have to be deposited in the state treasury for expenditure only pursuant to appropriations made by law.
- ✓ Proviso language states that general revenue funds are contingent upon universities complying with the tuition and fee policies established in the appropriations bill.

University Specific Funding Issues:

- ✓ Enrollment growth funding for 7,292 full-time equivalent students - \$37.2 million (BOG requested \$78 million. The recommendation would fund 47.6% of the BOG request.)
- ✓ FSU medical school - \$3.3 million (fully funds BOG request)
- ✓ FAMU law school - \$3.5 million (fully funds BOG request)
- ✓ Plant Operations & Maintenance for New Space - \$8.7 million (fully funds this issue)
- ✓ Office for Civil Rights Agreement (FAMU) - \$1.5 million (fully funds BOG request)
- ✓ Major Gift Matching - \$44.5 million (BOG requested \$32 m)
- ✓ Centers of Excellence - \$900,000; this is a placeholder (BOG requested \$20 m)
- ✓ Parkinson's Research at the McKnight Brain Institute (UF-HSC) - \$100,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- ✓ Florida Public Archaeology Centers Network (UWF) - \$1.87 million (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- ✓ Institute of Human & Machine Cognition (UWF) - \$500,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)
- ✓ FAU/UM Medical Partnership - \$500,000 (BOG requested \$200,000)
- ✓ Forestry Education (IFAS) - \$610,825 (part of the BOG academic enhancements issue)
- ✓ Emerging Citrus Industry Technologies (IFAS) - \$2 million (part of the BOG academic enhancements issue)
- ✓ Education Partnership (IFAS/Hillsborough Community College) - \$500,000 (not specifically identified in the BOG request)

Board of Governors:

- ✓ Transfers 62 positions and \$6.1 million from the Department of Education to the Board of Governors for designated staff and operations.
- ✓ Proviso language requires the Department of Education to continue to provide support to the Board of Governors for services provided this year that are not being transferred. At a minimum, these would include services such as accounting, printing, computer and internet support, personnel and human resources support, and support for accountability initiatives.