

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Update**

September 29, 2014

SUBJECT: Florida College System – President Jim Henningsen, on behalf of the Council of Presidents

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

N/A

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

President Jim Henningsen will provide an update on Florida College System (FCS) issues and legislative priorities that will affect the FCS.

Chancellor Randy Hanna will be available to answer any questions regarding issues concerning the FCS.

Supporting Documentation Included: FCS Council of Presidents Update

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Jim Henningsen, President, College of Central Florida and Randy Hanna, Chancellor, Florida College System

The Florida College System Council of Presidents has been working over the summer on several items of importance to the system.

2015-16 Legislative Budget Request – The Council of Presidents will focus the legislative budget request on three key topics:

1. Rebuilding Capacity to Serve

- The state – Florida’s critical workforce training needs. State investments fund FCS ability to create and expand programs for Florida’s most in-demand occupations.
- The students – State investments fund FCS ability to properly serve student needs to gain success (such as advising, tutoring, etc).

2. Maintaining Affordability

- State Funding + Tuition = Capacity to Serve

3. Performance Focused

- Critical student services drive student success. Services such as advising and mentoring IMPROVE a student’s ability to begin, continue, complete and ultimately secure job placement.

The presidents will be discussing this in depth at the September meeting and working on a document to begin presenting to the Governor and Legislature.

Performance Funding – The Legislature has again charged the Commissioner of Education with developing a performance-funding plan for the Florida College System. We have been working closely with Chancellor Hanna to develop a model for the Florida College System.

Baccalaureate Degree Moratorium – Another key piece of legislation passed in 2014 is a one-year moratorium on the State Board approving new baccalaureate degrees in the Florida College System. The Council of Presidents has a special committee working closely with the department and Legislature as they study the impacts of Baccalaureate degrees in the Florida College System and make recommendations on policy moving into the 2015 session. We anticipate bringing recommendations to you in the November workshop and State Board meeting.