

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Update
February 18, 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

The Florida College System Council of Presidents has identified several items that will be monitored throughout the 2014 legislative session. President Jim Henningsen will provide an update on Florida College System issues and legislative priorities addressed at the February Council of Presidents' meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: Florida College System Council of Presidents Update

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The FCS has embraced this concept in the past and for the future. Following the approval of performance measures by the State Board of Education a few months ago, we have continued to work with the chancellor's office to ensure the measures are suitable for our institutions. We had a committee review the measures and suggest any needed changes, and have vetted its work with the Division of Florida Colleges, legislative staff, and the Governor's office staff. Presidents will be reviewing the committee drafts, as well as feedback from stakeholders, and will potentially approve the revised measures in February. We will work with Chancellor Hanna if there are changes that need to be reviewed by the State Board of Education.

DREAM ACT/ RESIDENCY ISSUES

Speaker Weatherford has recently spoken out in the press about his support for addressing the residency issues that face some of our students. The presidents have been supportive of this issue in years past, and will be discussing the issue at the February Council of Presidents meeting.

TECHNICAL COLLEGES

COP members were recently briefed on the career and technical center bill, which contains a provision for career and technical centers to become technical colleges while remaining accredited by the Council of Occupational Education (COE). The bill would also authorize technical colleges to offer Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degrees and any college credit certificate programs. They would have to go before the State Board of Education to seek approval for AAS degrees, but not the certificate programs. General education courses would be allowed, but only the ones for their approved AAS degrees. The bill would also require technical centers to ensure the faculty credentials for the general education courses met the same standards as Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) accreditation requirements to ensure seamless transfer to the Florida College System. Presidents will be discussing it at the February Council of Presidents meeting.

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY

Bill is sponsored by Senator Flores and Representative Porter. The colleges have long sought to help improve affordability for students and are reviewing this bill for potential support.

2014-15 BUDGET

The Council of Presidents was pleased that Governor Scott recognized our system with his budget recommendations for \$40 million in new funds. We will now turn our attention to the Legislature to maximize funding to support our nearly one million students, maintain affordability and high-quality access, as well as embrace performance funding.