

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Update**

June 17, 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 issues and legislative priorities that will affect the FCS.

Chancellor Randy Hanna will be available to answer any questions regarding issues concerning the Florida College System.

Supporting Documentation Included: Florida College System Council of Presidents Update

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

The Florida College System Council of Presidents will be holding its annual meeting in June, just before the State Board of Education meeting. Commissioner Stewart will be attending to address the group, as will several other dignitaries. At this meeting, the leadership of the group will transition, as it does each year, and Dr. Jim Henningsen (President, College of Central Florida) will assume the role of Chairman as Dr. John Grosskopf completes his term. We want to extend a special thanks to Dr. Grosskopf and North Florida Community College for allowing him the time to serve the Florida College System in this way.

As the new Chair, Dr. Henningsen will direct the Council to focus on four key areas over the summer as follows. He will report on each area at the June State Board of Education meeting, based on the discussions at the June Council of Presidents meeting.

2015-16 Legislative Budget Request – for two years, the Florida College System Council of Presidents has followed a document they developed entitled the Florida First Plan which has guided their budget request and legislative approach. Some of the key elements of that plan were outcomes to be expected and funding needed to achieve outcomes to become First in Career Preparation, Affordability, Access and Success. Key funding pillars of the plan included compression funding to close the inequities between colleges in order to build capacity for performance system-wide as well as performance funding. It is expected that the Florida College System Council of Presidents will sunset the Florida First plan at their June meeting and develop the next iteration of a similar plan to propose to the Governor, State Board of Education and Legislature. The presidents will be discussing this in depth at the June meeting and working on a document to begin presenting in July.

Performance Funding – The Legislature has again charged the Commissioner of Education with developing a performance-funding plan for the Florida College System. We welcome the opportunity to work with the commissioner on the development of the plan.

Collegiate High Schools – one of the major pieces of legislation passed in the 2014 session requires each college to offer a Collegiate High School. The Council will have a special committee focused on the implementation of this legislation.

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. This is another special committee that the Council of Presidents will convene to work closely with the department and Legislature as they study the impacts of Baccalaureate degrees in the Florida College System and make determinations on policy moving into the 2015 session.