

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Agenda
February 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Miami Dade College - Request Site Designation Approval for a
West Campus in Miami-Dade County

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For approval.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6A-14.0061, FAC., Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations, provides that the State Board of Education review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. Based on the documentation presented by the College in their request for a new campus designation, the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061, FAC., are satisfied except one. The college is requesting an exception allowed in part (7) of the Rule to waive the requirement that all existing campuses serve an enrollment of 3,000 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) students as specified in part (5)(c) of the Rule. The FTEs for 4 out of the 6 existing campuses far exceed the 3,000 FTE. The two campuses which don't exceed the requirement are Medical and Homestead. Medical Campus is a highly specialized program campus in the Nursing and Allied Health areas. Homestead Campus, in the southern part of Miami-Dade County, is in an area expected to see continued population increases and projected to have over 3,000 FTEs by 2009-10. The college is requesting campus designation to serve approximately 600,000 in the immediate area to have the opportunity to attend classes at a College campus within a reasonable commute in a congested urban environment. The primary threshold in Rule 6A-14.0061 (1) and (4)(e) F.A.C., for a Campus designation is that the site have 1,000 FTEs. This request satisfies that guideline and therefore, the exception request is justified.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, proposal and Rule 6A-14.0061, FAC.

Facilitators/Presenters: J. David Armstrong, Jr., Chancellor, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Education
Eduardo J. Padron, President, Miami Dade College