



DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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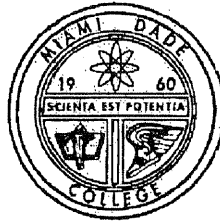
SUBJECT: STATE DESIGNATION OF HIALEAH CENTER AS HIALEAH CAMPUS, INCLUDING WAIVER OF MINIMUM SITE SIZE REQUIREMENT AND WAIVER OF ALL EXISTING CAMPUSES HAVING AT LEAST THREE THOUSAND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS EACH

RATIONALE: The College is requesting that its Hialeah Center be designated by the State as a campus. This is a 7.78 acre urban site location which includes approximately 70,000 gross square feet of existing academic and support facilities and 458 parking spaces. Opened in 1980, the Hialeah Center has experienced a 13.4% increase in FTE since 2001-02, is expected to exceed 3,000 FTE in 2004-05, and is projected to grow another 44.1% by 2009-10. Current county population projections for Hialeah and adjacent minor statistical areas (MSA) indicate increases of 7.4% for Hialeah (MSA 4.3), 19.6% for Hialeah Gardens/Miami Lakes/Golden Glades (MSA 3.1) and 3% for Miami Springs (MSA 4.4) by 2015.

State Requirements for Educational Facilities (Section 1.4(4) (e), (f) indicate that a community college campus shall be a minimum of 100 acres. These requirements also provide that the College's District Board of Trustees may waive the minimum site size if a two-thirds majority finds that an appropriate and equitable educational program can be provided on a smaller site.

Although the North and Kendall Campuses exceed the minimum acreage requirements (242 acres and 182 acres respectively), the College's urban campuses (Wolfson, Medical Center, Homestead and InterAmerican at 15, 9, 13 and 4 respectively) were developed and operate successfully with less than the minimum site size. The Hialeah Campus will be a full service campus that is an adequate size to meet the educational needs of the students to be served (by the existing facilities and future expansions through additions and remodeling/renovation).

While the Hialeah Center significantly exceeds the 1,000 FTE criteria for being a campus, the College is requesting a waiver of the additional requirement that all other campuses have 3,000 FTE as outlined in Rule 6A-14.0061, FAC. Four of the campuses have greatly exceeded 3,000 FTE (North = 13,574; Kendall = 16,412; Wolfson = 9,771; InterAmerican = 5,424). The FTE enrollment at the College increased 15.9% since 2001-02 with each of the Miami Dade College Campuses experiencing substantial increases. It is expected that the College's FTE will increase from 54,438 in 2003-04 to 77,061 in 2009-10. This increase



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of 41.6% over the six-year period reflects MDC's response to projected population growth in the Miami-Dade County area over this period.

Two MDC campuses fall below the 3,000 FTE threshold. Medical Center Campus, with 1,738 FTE in 2003-04, offers specialized programs in Nursing and Allied Health. The Campus works closely with community hospitals and health care agencies to provide appropriate clinical and practical experiences for students, relationships that control enrollment growth in a manner that is unique to these programs. FTE student enrollment at Medical Center Campus increased 5% since 2001-02 and is projected to increase steadily at a rate of approximately 6% per year through 2009-10.

Homestead Campus, with 2,239 FTE in 2003-04, is located in the southern part of Miami-Dade County and serves the City of Homestead and surrounding areas. Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning projections show the area served by Homestead Campus is one of the few remaining areas in the county with significant capacity for growth. The Homestead area was the hardest hit from hurricane Andrew and the community is finally stabilized and growing. Homestead experienced a 31% increase in FTE since 2001-02 and is projected to continue increasing at an average annual rate of 6.5% through 2009-10.

This change in site designation to Hialeah Campus has received support from local business, community and government leaders as well as the general public.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board approves the request for State designation of Hialeah Campus, including waiver of minimum site size requirement and waiver of all existing campuses having at least three thousand full-time equivalent students each.

AGENDA ITEM:

Policy Report ___ Award of Bid Resolution ___ Budget Amendment Contract ___ Purchase Order Grant ___ Other XX

ACTION OF BOARD:

Approved XX ___ Disapproved ___ Withdrawn ___ Accepted ___
Deferred ___ Rejected ___

EFFECTIVE DATE:

February 15, 2005

AUTHORIZATION:

[Signature]
Secretary to the Board