

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Miami Dade College - Request Approval to change the Site Designation from the Hialeah Center to Hialeah Campus

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College to change the Center site designation of Hialeah to Hialeah Campus.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This item supports Strategic Imperative 8: Coordinate Efforts to Improve Higher Student Learning.

Rule 6A-14.0061 Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), entitled "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 the new designation of the Hialeah center to a campus, the criteria stipulated in Rule 6A-14.0061 are satisfied except one. The college is requesting an exception as 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 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. Hialeah is expected to exceed 3,000 FTEs this year. Therefore, this request satisfies that guideline and the exception request is justified.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, FTE Projections, Board of Trustees action agenda item and SBOE Rule 6A-14.0061 F.A.C.

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