

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 28-29, 2002

SUBJECT: Authorize Florida Atlantic University to implement the Partnership for Quality Medical Education Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Authorize Florida Atlantic University to implement the Partnership for Quality Medical Education Program in Cooperation with the University of Miami.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In the General Appropriations Act of 2002 the Florida Legislature authorized Florida Atlantic University to implement the Partnership for Quality Medical Education Program subject to Florida Board of Education approval. The program was approved by the Board of Regents in March 2001, and by the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees in October 2001 and June 2002 in the context of its approval of a University operating budget and future legislative budget request.

Currently, Florida must import over 2000 physicians per year, and by 2020 the need is expected to exceed 3000 physicians per year. The creation of programs such as the Partnership for Quality Medical Education is a recommended method for expanding the capacity of universities to provide medical education in Florida without creating entirely new schools of medicine. This program is a demonstration of a public-private partnership that addresses the FBOE strategic goal of maximizing access to high need and demand programs in a student-centered fashion.

In concert with the University of Miami, Florida Atlantic University will educate cohorts of 32 students per year. All students in the program will be admitted as part of the regular University of Miami School of Medicine admissions process and enrolled as University of Miami School of Medicine students. Two years of coursework will be taught at FAU through a combination of distance learning originating at the University of Miami School of Medicine and by instructors on site at FAU. The program will be housed at Florida Atlantic University in the newly built Charles E. Schmidt College of Science.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Signed Partnership Agreement

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