



Council for Education Policy,
Research and Improvement

Proposed Constitutional Amendment #11

University Governance

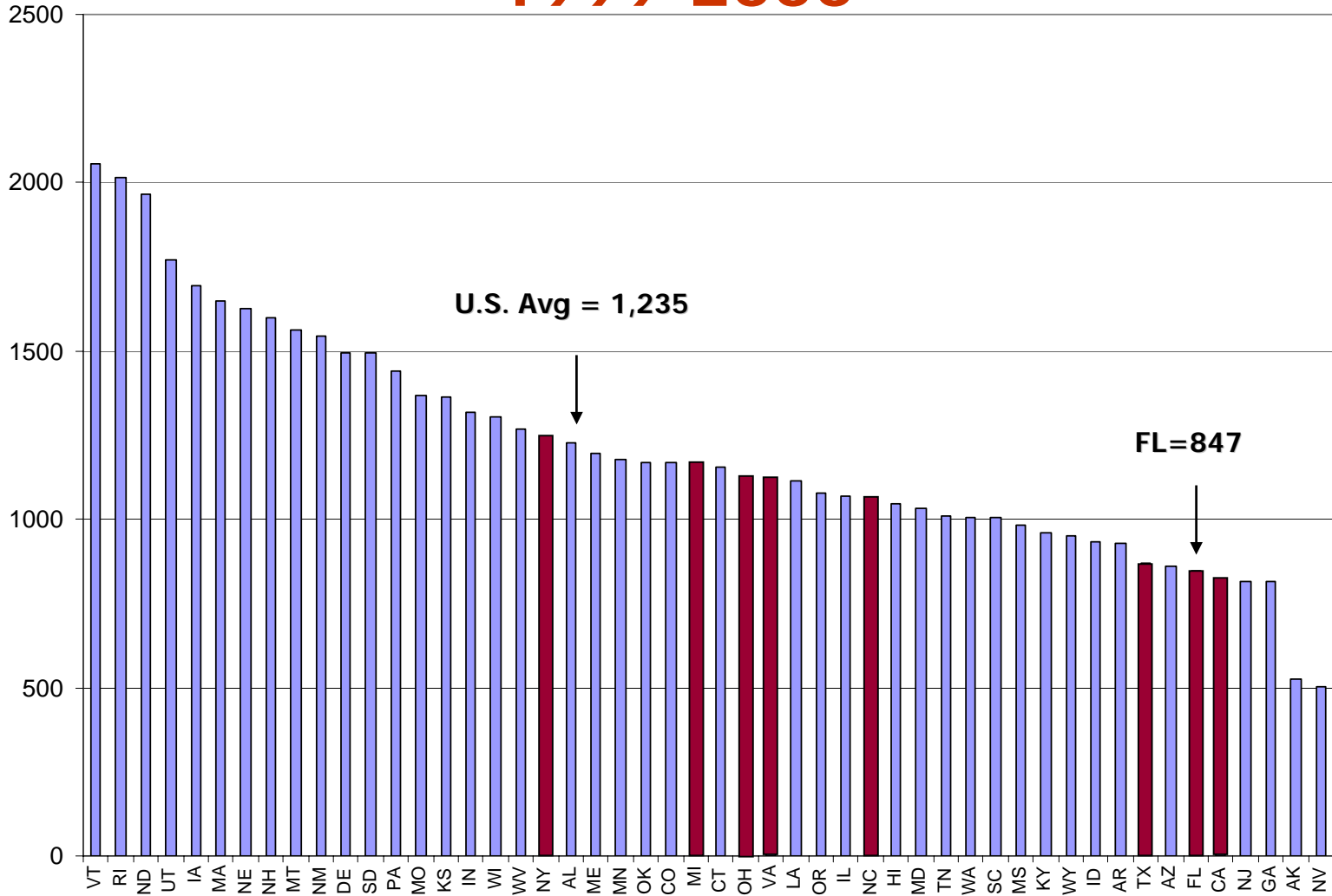
Higher Education Governance Structures

- There has never been a definitive study of higher education governance that recommends one form of governance structure over another
- ECS publishes a Postsecondary Structures Database that lists a variety of structures used throughout the US.

Governance Structures, Continued

- **American Association of Universities –
The “most prestigious universities in the
U.S.” are found in states with
dramatically different types of
governance or coordinating structures -
California, Michigan, New York, North
Carolina, Ohio, Texas and Virginia**

Bachelor's Degrees Granted per 100,000 Target Age Population 1999-2000



SOURCE: NCES (IPEDS) and U.S. Census.

The Proposed University System Would Not Take Politics Out of the University System

- **The influence of the Legislature would not change. The Legislature appropriates funds to the system, and restrictions could still be placed on the expenditure of those funds**

An Isolated Delivery Structure May Not Always Put Students First

- **Some of the most student oriented innovations in Florida resulted from intervention by the Legislature and were NOT initiated by the Board of Regents**
 - **Time-to-Degree legislation**
 - **Common Prerequisites**
 - **Contraction of “limited access programs”**
 - **Florida Gulf Coast University**

Amendment #11 is in Total Contrast to the National Trend: Strengthening P – 16 or K – 20 Educational Linkages

- **The Education Commission of the States has a major initiative to improve linkages between and among all sectors of education.**
- **Improving P – 16 is a major initiative of the State Higher Education Officers**
- **Many states are adopting statutory language to ensure dialogue and articulation among all levels of education**

The Board of Governors

- **Would create fragmented approach to delivery of education**
 - **No formal linkages to other education systems**
 - **Could adopt policies and procedures which may not be consistent with other educational or state policies**
 - **Would result in lack of accountability for performance of K-20 system as a whole**

University Boards of Trustees

- **Would be weakened**
- **Would be subservient to Board of Governors**
- **Would administer universities and perform only those duties established by the Board of Governors**

ECS on P-16:

As the Consortium for Policy Research In Education said, the time has come to end the long history in American education of segments acting “independently and at cross-purposes from one another”