

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: Florida Academic Counseling & Tracking for Students (FACTS) System

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

NONE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 1995, legislation was passed that called for the Board of Regents and State Board of Community Colleges to create “a single, statewide computer-assisted student advising system...”. A project management team, representative of the community college and state university systems, developed a project plan and a budget. Their prototype for the advising system was aptly named FACTS (Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students).

In 1998, the Florida Legislature approved the plan and appropriated funding for the project, which was divided evenly between the State University System (SUS) and the Florida Community College System (FCCS). The Chancellors for the SUS and FCCS appointed Board members to govern the project as well as academic and technical experts to advise the Board. With the Board in place, the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support (FCAAS) was established at the University of South Florida to carry out the development and implementation of the system.

FCAAS is now in the final phase of a five-year development and implementation cycle. The presenters will focus on the status of the FACTS system and the role of FACTS under the new K-20 education system.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2001 Status Report & Section 240.2099 F.S.

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