

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

July 23, 2001

**SUBJECT:** 2002-2003 Legislative Budget Policy Guidelines for the State University System

**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** All Universities

**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Review and discuss the SUS 2002-2003 Legislative Budget Request (LBR) Policy Guidelines approved by the Board of Regents at its May 24, 2001 meeting. These guidelines provide an approximate 13.34 percent overall increase in general revenue funding. The LBR guidelines include an increase of 10 percent across-the-board for student tuition/matriculation. Subsection 240.209(3)(e)(1), Florida Statutes requires the Board of Regents (or its successor) to raise the systemwide standard for resident undergraduate matriculation and financial aid fees up to but no more than 25 percent of the prior year's cost of undergraduate programs. The total requested increase equates to \$294 million in new monies.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

During this transitional year, an accelerated schedule is necessary to meet many deadlines. At the May meeting of the Board of Regents, LBR guidelines were approved to be used as a starting point. These guidelines were intended to provide system priorities to the new boards and universities. The due date for the LBR is August 31. As the university board of trustees review their mission and priorities, additional recommendations for the 2002-2003 LBR may be identified. Realizing that revenue is expected to be extremely limited again next year and the guidelines approved by the Board of Regents and Florida Board of Education already include a 13.34 percent increase, additional university requests need to address only those issues of highest priority.

**Supporting Documentation Included:** SUS 2002-2003 Legislative Budget  
Request Policy Guidelines

**Other Support Documents Available:** None

**Council Review:**

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