

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 18, 2003

**SUBJECT: OWCC Presentation of Proposals for Two Baccalaureate Degrees**

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Okaloosa-Walton Community College (OWCC) will present proposals to grant two baccalaureate degrees: (1) Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and, (2) Bachelor of Applied Science in Project and Acquisitions Management. Board members are invited to ask questions and provide feedback. Commissioner Horne will provide recommended action to the Board at the April meeting.

### **AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1007.33, Florida Statutes, titled "Site-determined baccalaureate degree access", provides a mechanism for community colleges to submit proposals to the State Board of Education for approval to grant limited site-based baccalaureate degrees.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The intent of the policy, stated as "... to further expand access to baccalaureate degree programs through the use of community colleges", is consistent with the State Board's goal of "Seamless Articulation and Maximum Access".

Three proposal requirements are specified in law:

1. Demand for the baccalaureate degree program is identified by the workforce development board, local businesses and industry, local chambers of commerce, and potential students.
2. Unmet need for graduates of the proposed degree program is substantiated.
3. The community college has the facilities and academic resources to deliver the program.

The statute also requires community colleges to submit their proposals to the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement (CEPRI) "for review and comment". CEPRI is expected to discuss the proposals at a March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In 2002, the Florida Board of Education implemented this policy through consideration of proposals from three community colleges (Chipola Jr. College, Edison Community College, and Miami-Dade Community College), resulting in awards of partnership and start-up funding.

OWCC leaders will provide an overview of the two proposals to the State Board of Education for consideration and comment. Commissioner Horne will present recommendations at a later meeting of the Board.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Copies of the proposals (Separate documents)

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