

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 21, 2003

SUBJECT: Polk Community College - Request Change of Site Designation Approval from a Center to a Campus in Polk County.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

To approve the request from the Board of Trustees of Polk Community College to change the Center site designation in Lakeland to the Lakeland Campus.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02 (7) (e), Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Rule 6H-1.040, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), entitled "Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations" provides that the State Board of Education (successor to the State Board of Community Colleges) review and recommend for or against the establishment of campuses, centers and special purpose centers. Based on the documentation presented by the college in their request for the new designation of a campus, the criteria stipulated in Rule 6H-1.040 are satisfied except one. The college is requesting an exception as allowed in part (7) of the Rule to waive the requirement that all existing campuses serve an enrollment of 3,000 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students as specified in part (5) (c) of the Rule. The Lakeland site is now the College's largest and fastest growing site in FTE's. The college is requesting campus designations to allow additional plant survey recommendations for the site, especially in Library and the Library Services area. This has become critical to support the college and university student educational needs. The primary threshold in Rule 6H-1.040 (1) and (4)(e), F.A.C., is 1,000 FTE's. The Lakeland site has met this requirement.

Supporting Documentation Included: Letter of request, and SBOE Rule 6H-1.040, F.A.C.

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