

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 14, 2001

SUBJECT: Academic Improvement Trust Fund Use Approval

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval item: Request for Use Approval for Academic Improvement Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The proposals for use of funds from the Academic Improvement Trust Fund were formerly approved by the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) as required by Chapter 240.36(6)(c), Florida Statutes. Several years ago, the members of the SBCC delegated this approval to the Executive Director.

Chapter 2001-170, Laws of Florida, abolished the State Board of Community Colleges. The duties and responsibilities of the Board were transferred to the Florida Board of Education by a Type-Two Transfer.

Therefore, the board of trustees of each community college and the Florida Board of Education are responsible for determining the uses for the proceeds of their respective trust funds. Such uses of the proceeds shall be limited to expenditure of the funds for:

- (1) Scientific and Technical Equipment;
- (2) Other activities that will benefit future students as well as students currently enrolled at the community college and that will improve the quality of education at the community or in the community college system;
- (3) Scholarships, loans, or need-based grants.

The following college has submitted a request for use of these funds:

Lake-Sumter Community College - \$50,000 for the purchase of Scientific and Technical Equipment consisting of a scanner, removable drive trays and hard drives, 10 user licenses for JAWS instructional equipment, 20 printers, books, 2 portable laptops and projectors, and Accutrak student program tracking system. This equipment will be used by computer classes, instructors and faculty at the college.

The community college board of trustees has approved the use of these funds and has certified that the use meets the criteria stated in law. It is the opinion of the staff of the Division of Community Colleges that the college has complied with the requirements stated in statute and recommend Board approval of this use from the Academic Improvement Trust Fund.

Supporting Documentation Included: Request for Use Approval Form submitted by the above college.

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