

## FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 18, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Academic Improvement Trust Fund Use Approval

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### **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 colleges have submitted requests for use of these funds:

Florida Keys Community College – Request to amend the Betty Cox Memorial Scholarship, previously approved by the Division of Community Colleges on September 10, 1993, to include scholarships for at-risk youth with a preference given to minority students.

Hillsborough Community College – Request to expend \$20,000 for the purchase of computer hardware for the Dale Mabry Campus Computer Lab.

Pensacola Junior College – (1) Distributive Learning request to expend \$4,076.38 to purchase computer and data projection equipment for use by the Learning Resource Center staff in their district-wide instruction and training; (2) Music Theatre request to expend \$12,000 to purchase iMac computer equipment and digital pianos for use in the Music program; (3) WSRE-TV request to expend

\$17,958 to purchase digital equipment to prepare for the digital television transition federally mandated for public television stations.

Polk Community College – Radiography Program request to expend \$27,650 for scientific and technical equipment which includes General Electric RFX fluoroscopic upright table complete with image intensifier, spot film device, overhead tube, upright bucky, GE600MA control unit. Installation and shipping will be included.

The community college boards of trustees have approved the uses of these funds and have certified that the uses meet the criteria stated in law. It is the opinion of the staff of the Division of Community Colleges that the colleges have complied with the requirements stated in statute and recommend Board approval of these uses from the Academic Improvement Trust Fund.

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

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