

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 17 – 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Site Designation Request - Hillsborough Community College South Center

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval item: Request of new South Center for Hillsborough Community College.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The designation of new sites for community colleges are pursuant to procedures established by the State Board of Community Colleges to facilitate Section 240.311(3)(j) Florida Statutes and State Board of Education Rule 6H-1.040, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designations.

Chapter 2001-170, Laws of Florida, abolished the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC). The duties and responsibilities of the Board were transferred to the Florida Board of Education (FBOE) by a Type-Two Transfer. Until this year, designation of a new site by the FBOE would have gone to the Postsecondary Education Planning Commission (PEPC) for their review and recommendations to the State Board of Education for approval. When PEPC became the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement (CEPRI), the authority under which PEPC reviewed the designation requests did not transfer to CEPRI. The FBOE has the option to ask CEPRI to review the proposal or send it directly to the State Board of Education for approval.

Hillsborough Community College is requesting the designation of a Center in the South sector of Hillsborough County to improve access to higher education and workforce training for residents of this section of the county. There is tremendous growth in population in the Southern portion of the county which is currently under-served by the college. A donated 60-acre parcel site is under consideration for the possible location. Develop of the site is anticipated to occur over the next three to five years. The college plans to lease a facility located near the planned site and begin providing classes there in March of next year. The official designation is being requested early in order to provide time to develop a well thought out and timely plan for a permanent Center, tailored to meet the community's educational needs as it grows. The proposal is attached except for the attachments that were too lengthy to include. Staff will have them available at the Board meeting.

Based on the documentation presented by the college, except for Guideline C, the criteria stipulated in State Board of Education Rule 6H-1.040, F.A.C., are met. The college requests an exception to Guideline C which suggests that all other campuses have 3,000 FTE before new centers or campuses be authorized. The waiver is being requested because of the size of the district and the distance to the closest campus, Brandon. Also, the Brandon Campus is going to be built out and not be able to accept additional students. Copies of the SBCC's Guidelines to Request Campus, Center, Special Purpose Center and Instructional Site Designation and the State Board of Education Rule 6H-1.040, F.A.C., are attached.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposal to Request Designation of a Site in the South Sector of Hillsborough County, Florida as a Center of Hillsborough Community College.

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