

Florida College System Task Force
Workgroup: Mission/Vision/Guiding Principles and Governance
Conference Call Meeting: September 25, 2008; 4-6 p.m.

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Underlying Issues for Discussion/Consideration:

Mission/Vision/Guiding Principles

Recognizing input from business leaders at the first meeting of the Task Force that recommended coordination of effort by both groups established by the Legislature under SB 1716, and the preliminary work of the State College Pilot Project, this workgroup suggests:

- The FCSTF use the Vision and Guiding Principles drafted by the State College Pilot Project as a *starting point* for further consideration of same. (Attached).
- Particular emphasis should be given to supporting Guiding Principle #1 which assures that State Colleges are a part of the Florida College System, which consists of 28 two-year and 4-year public institutions with open door access to lower division.

Governance

Two separate and different issues related to governance were discussed and the workgroup suggests that both be taken as “*questions*” for further consideration to the full Task Force:

1) Coordinated Higher Education Baccalaureate Planning Process

- The need for an established higher education baccalaureate program planning “*process*” in the state that includes participation by the Florida College System, the State Universities, the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and Commission on Independent Education institutions which offer baccalaureate degrees. Workgroup members felt that currently there is no formal avenue for coordination of baccalaureate program development /expansion among higher education sectors within the state, and that a process for such would be advantageous for avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort.

(Governance)

2) Coordinating Board or Council for The Florida College System

- The workgroup suggests that the full Task Force thoroughly discuss the advantages/disadvantages of recommending establishment by the Legislature of a *coordinating board or council* for the Florida College System. The role of this type body in terms of the following should be explored and included in any final recommendation(s):
 - Relationship with the State Board of Education and the local Boards of Trustees;
 - Size, membership and appointments (i.e., legislature, governor, commissioner/State Board or combination);
 - Responsibilities/Authority