

BOG Issue: (from Dr. A. Chase)

At the BOG meeting on Jan 25, there was an agreement to post a notice of intent to promulgate a new BOG regulation for Academic Program Authorization. Included within this regulation is the following:

“(5) (a) Each university board of trustees must adopt policies for implementing new Program Majors, Program Minors, Concentrations, Areas of Emphasis, Tracks and College Credit Certificates within an existing bachelor’s, master’s, advanced master’s, specialist, and doctoral degree program.”

Certain individuals have indicated to me that this was NOT a prerogative of the old Board of Regents. I would like to make sure that all of you feel comfortable with this wording, especially as Curriculum matters have always been in the purview of the faculty. If this regulation is adopted, we would need to ensure that each BOT returned the authority to implement program changes to the faculty. Alternatively, we can try to change the BOG wording. This regulation should be posted on their website for comments. Please let me know how your Steering Committees feel on this issue and whether or not it is worth pursuing; thanks.

Update:

Mark Rosenberg circulated a summary of the Crist recommended 2007-2008 budget. From a faculty perspective, a 2.44% raise is included in administered funds. No tuition increase is recommended and over-enrollment is not funded. Also, the PECO dollars were cut and redistributed to K-12. The full text follows:

Operating Budget Summary: The Educational & General budget would increase 6.7% over the current year base appropriation. This excludes the \$80 million for the World Class Scholars, Centers of Excellence, and Science and Engineering Research & Development Programs.

- Access to Higher Education - \$101.2 M
This will fund 6,738 new FTE students entering the state university system this fall. Of the \$101.2 million, \$72.2 million is from state funds and the balance (\$28.9 million) from tuition paid by the students. This would fund new growth at 100% of the Board's funding model. (BOG Request – 10,153 FTE students including over-enrollments plus new growth; \$151 M (\$108 M state funds & \$43 M tuition))
- FIU Medical School Implementation - \$5.5 M (same as BOG request)
- UCF Medical School Implementation - \$4.7 M (same as BOG request)
- FAU/UM Medical Partnership - \$4.7 M (same as BOG request)
\$2.6 million continues the phase-in of this program and \$2.1 million replaces non-recurring funds received in 2006-07.
- Major Gift Matching Program - \$45 M (nonrecurring) (same as BOG request)
- Tuition – no tuition increase for resident undergraduate students. (consistent with BOG current policy)

- SUCCEED - \$8.85 M (nonrecurring) (BOG on record as supporting SUCCEED funding)
Continues the funding provided in 2006-07 for awards to be made through a competitive application process to train students for high skill/high wage jobs.
- Salary Increases – universities are included in administered funds for a 2.44% increase effective October 1.
- 21st Century Act
World Class Scholars - \$20 M (non-recurring)
Centers of Excellence - \$40 M (non-recurring)
Science & Engineering Research & Economic Development Programs - \$20 M (non-recurring)

Fixed Capital Outlay Summary:

\$386 million from PECO for projects on the BOG approved 3-year list. Proviso states that funds shall be allocated to first year projects as specified in the State University System 3-year PECO project list approved by the BOG. (This is \$84 million, or 18%, less than the \$470 million approved on Jan. 25th by the BOG. The \$84 million is redirected towards K-12 Class Size Reduction)

\$47 million from PECO for maintenance, repair and renovations

\$14 million for Courtelis Facilities matching

Other Items of Interest:

- Stem Cell Research Grant Program - \$20 M
Competitive grants would be available for medical research. Institutions and universities could explore possible treatments and cures for degenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases and spinal cord injuries.
- Bright Futures - \$372 M
Includes an increase of \$25.7 M. This program will serve approximately 159,000 students.

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