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While university faculty prepare for the bustle of the upcoming academic year and students pursue opportunities at home and around the globe, the Board of Governors and its staff are also hard at work. From advancing the Board’s performance funding model to organizing a summit on campus security, we are making progress on a number of important initiatives. We look forward to keeping you posted on those efforts and to continuing to work together on behalf of our students, taxpayers and communities.

Enjoy the summer!

Marshall M. Criser III
Chancellor

Security Summit

In the System’s latest effort to stay at the cutting-edge of campus safety, police chiefs, counsels, housing directors, communicators, government relations and student affairs leaders will gather at UCF in Orlando July 28-29 to share best practices for avoiding, preparing for and dealing with crisis situations on campus. The 2015 SUS Campus Safety and Security Summit will feature the return of the internationally renowned expert Dr. Larry Barton, as well as breakout sessions designed for law enforcement, legal, student health, medical, communications, environmental health and safety, and counseling professionals.

Performance Funding

Florida’s high-performing and most-improved institutions are poised to receive a share of $400 million in performance funding designated by the Governor and Legislature this year. The support by Florida’s elected leaders demonstrates their confidence in the Board’s performance funding model, which incentivized student-centered improvements across the System this year. The Board approved how the 2015-2016 funds will be allocated during its June meeting.

Shared Services

Thanks to the combined efforts of our institutions, the State University System has saved more than $21 million through though cost reductions and efficiencies as part of its Shared Services Initiative. This achievement is made possible through the commitment of our purchasing teams and administrators who continue to work together to identify potential savings, negotiate better contracts, and ensure that each dollar is stretched to the maximum benefit for students.
Florida scientists and researchers are armed with new information about grant opportunities after attending the National Science Foundation (NSF) conference in June. Co-hosted in Tampa by the Board of Governors, the conference drew more than 300 attendees from around the country, including U.S. Congresswoman Kathy Castor and top-level representatives from NSF. Topics included application procedures for NSF grants, award management, policy updates, international research collaborations and cross-cutting and special interest programs of the agency.

**Upcoming Board Meetings**

September 2-3, 2015

University of Florida, Gainesville

**Trustee Topics**

**Trustee Orientation - November 4, 2015**

An orientation session will be held on Wednesday, November 4, for all new trustees who have not yet completed orientation. New appointees of the Board of Governors must participate in orientation within one year of the date of appointment, in accordance with the Trustee Selection and Reappointment Process. However, all new trustees (and any trustee wishing to attend) are also invited and encouraged to participate. The orientation session is a valuable opportunity for you to learn about the State University System, our collaborative efforts to move the State University System forward, the importance of strategic alliances, and effective board participation. You will also have the opportunity to meet other new trustees, forge relationships with the leadership of the Board of Governors and become familiar with senior staff from the board office. The November orientation coincides with the Trustee Summit 2015 and the Board of Governors meetings, to be held at Florida International University in Miami. If you plan to attend orientation, please register online at [http://www.flbog.edu/aboutsus/trustees-orientation.php](http://www.flbog.edu/aboutsus/trustees-orientation.php) The contact for orientation is Diane McCain (diane.mccain@flbog.edu – telephone 850-245-9632)

**Trustee Summit 2015 - November 4 & 5, 2015**

Coinciding with the Board of Governors meeting, this year’s Trustee Summit celebrates Excellence in Innovation. The Board of Governors is bringing together prominent thought leaders to advance bold ideas and actions to continue the success of higher education in Florida. Everyone is invited to attend the plenary sessions that will feature notable speakers, including the chairman of the nation’s largest higher education system, Mr. Benno Schmidt. Mr. Schmidt is among the world’s leading innovators in education, and he has served as president of Yale University and dean of Columbia University Law School. Also, for trustees there will be several topics to explore in selected breakout sessions including legal issues facing boards, access and affordability, and board fiduciary duties and aligning goals. The contact for the Trustee Summit is Diane McCain (diane.mccain@flbog.edu – telephone 850-245-9632)