

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 5, 2014**

SUBJECT: Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Research Universities Legislative Budget Request

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information and discussion

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Research Universities is expected to create synergies and efficiencies among the state's three large metropolitan research universities – Florida International University, University of Central Florida and University of South Florida. Collectively serving nearly half of the students in the State University System of Florida, the proposed consortium will leverage the unique strengths of each university and its surrounding metropolitan areas. It is projected to collectively increase the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded by 12 percent, increase six-year graduation rates by 4 percentage points, increase the number of graduates employed in Florida by 3 percentage points and increase salaries of graduates by 10 percent by 2016.

The consortium has developed four interrelated strategies to meet these goals: (a) enhanced predictive analytics tools to identify students who may need extra help toward degree completion; (b) high-tech tracking pathways that provide integrated academic monitoring; (c) targeted support through personalized academic advising and career coaching; and (d) shared career readiness programs, including common internship and job-search databases that will provide students opportunities in Miami, Orlando and Tampa Bay.

Supporting Documentation Included:	Florida Consortium of Metropolitan Universities LBR Form I and ROI Summary
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Facilitators/Presenters:	University Representative
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