

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 4, 2015**

SUBJECT: Florida Institute of Oceanography Five-Year Review, 2015-2020 Strategic Plan, and Memorandum of Understanding

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 10.014

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Florida Institute of Oceanography is an Academic Infrastructure Organization (AISO) hosted by the University of South Florida. Board of Governors Regulation 10.014 describes an AISO as an organization that provides “underlying technology, equipment, facilities, services, and resources for academic programs and research in the State University System of Florida.” The regulation also requires that an AISO be reviewed every five years to include at a minimum:

- a. a determination of the organization’s progress against defined goals and objectives within the context of the AISO’s mission, the participating university missions, and the current BOG Strategic Plan;
- b. an assessment of the return on investment of State dollars, if applicable;
- c. the need for continuation of the AISO;
- d. proposed changes in mission or organizational structure;
- e. recommendations for budget reductions or expansion; and
- f. recommendations for status or location change, if applicable.

The Florida Institute of Oceanography has completed its first five-year review as part of the development of a 2015 – 2020 Strategic Plan. The University of South Florida, Board of Trustees reaffirmed its commitment to be the host institution by approving an updated Memorandum of Understanding on October 13, 2015. The Council of Academic Vice Presidents has also reviewed and approved the new strategic plan. Because there is no change in host institution, formal approval is not required by the Board of Governors for the Florida Institute of Oceanography to continue as an AISO.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Florida Institute of Oceanography
Five-Year Evaluation Summary
2. Renewal, Memorandum of
Understanding, and 2015-2020 Strategic
Plan

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