

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Select Committee on Florida Polytechnic University
March 17, 2016**

SUBJECT: Florida Polytechnic University Implementation Update and Progress Report

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For Information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2012, the Legislature created and Governor Scott signed legislation establishing Florida Polytechnic University. Section 1004.345, Florida Statutes, requires that by December 31, 2016, the University shall achieve accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; initiate new programs in STEM fields; seek discipline-specific accreditation for programs; attain a minimum FTE enrollment of 1,244, with at least 50 percent of that FTE in STEM fields and 20 percent in programs related to STEM fields; complete facilities and infrastructure; and have the ability to provide administration of financial aid, admissions, student support, information technology, and finance and accounting with an internal audit function. The University enrolled its first students in Fall 2014.

Representatives from Florida Polytechnic University will provide brief remarks and respond to any questions from the Select Committee concerning the institution's latest progress update, including accreditation, student enrollment, faculty recruitment, curriculum development, scholarship support, and budget and facilities.

Supporting Documentation Included: March 2016 Progress Report

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