

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 21, 2016**

SUBJECT: Mental Health Update

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In March 2015, Board staff presented an information brief on campus safety and security to the Board's Academic and Student Affairs Committee in response to increasing concerns about the safety and well-being of students. The Board subsequently requested funds during the 2016 legislative session to expand counseling services and campus security across the State University System. However, that request was not funded and counseling centers are still struggling to keep up with demand.

Board staff will provide an overview of the increasing need for well-trained, professional counseling services to address the mental and behavioral health of university students.

Supporting Documentation Included: September 2016 Information Brief

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