

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
November 3, 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.

In September 2016, Board staff provided an overview of the increasing need for well-trained, professional counseling services to address the mental and behavioral health of university students. Also in September 2016, the Counsel for Student Affairs presented the State University System Mental Health Counseling Services Legislative Budget Request to increase campus counseling services in order to address the critical need for expanding student mental and behavioral health coverage the System.

At this meeting Dr. Maribeth Ehasz will describe the importance of addressing student demand for mental health services.

Supporting Documentation Included: None

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Maribeth Ehasz