

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 2, 2015**

SUBJECT: FAMU-FSU Joint College of Engineering

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For Information and Consideration of the FAMU-FSU Joint College of Engineering
Legislative Budget Request

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This request will fund several critical investments to meaningfully improve the academic quality, research rigor and overall efficiency and effectiveness of the FAMU-FSU Joint College of Engineering.

- \$600,000 recurring funding is requested to hire 5 new faculty at the Assistant Professor level who will develop independent research programs and teach undergraduate and graduate courses, with arrival of the new faculty by fall 2016.
- \$5,000,000 nonrecurring is requested to provide startup funds for the new faculty to enable them to obtain the necessary equipment, reagents, and supplies to collect data and develop proposals for external funding to launch their research careers.
- \$1,000,000 recurring funding is requested to address salary inequities to retain the best and brightest existing faculty, because it costs more to recruit new faculty than to provide incremental increases to improve the salaries of existing faculty so that they are on par with market conditions.

Supporting Documentation Included: Budget Outline

Facilitators/Presenters: Chancellor Marshal Criser III