

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
March 30, 2017**

SUBJECT: Student Demand for Counselors Continues

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since March 2015, the Board's Academic and Student Affairs Committee has repeatedly heard about the increasing demand for well-trained, professional counseling services to address the mental and behavioral health of university students. The Committee has also learned that students who are able to use counseling center services are more likely to remain enrolled in and graduate from college.

For the second consecutive year, the Board is requesting funds from the Legislature during the 2017 session to increase campus counseling services and expand student mental and behavioral health coverage across the system.

At this meeting, Board staff will provide updated data documenting the ongoing increases in demand for services and in the number of students in crisis. Staff will also provide a comprehensive compilation of available information on counseling center utilization and impact as well as information about students in crisis and counseling center staffing levels.

Supporting Documentation Included: March 2017 Information Brief

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