

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 18, 2024**

SUBJECT: Office of Public Policy Events Update

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

For information

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution, Section 1001.93, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

During the 2023 session, the Florida Legislature passed Senate Bill 931, which was signed into law on May 15, 2023. The law requires each State University System institution to establish an Office of Public Policy Events. This office is required to organize, publicize, and stage debates or group forums with speakers and agendas representing widely held views on opposing sides of popular current events. Speakers may be from within or outside the university community to ensure representation of the full spectrum of beliefs. State universities are required to annually report to the Board office the number of debates and forums, the names of speakers and sponsors of the events, the number of students attending the events, and any expenditure information related to travel or per diem related to the event.

Dr. Tony Lee, Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, will provide an update on the activities.

Supporting Documentation Included: Annual Report

Facilitators/Presenters: Dr. Tony Lee