Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees
June 20, 2006

SUBJECT: 2006 Legislative Session Overview

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Information Item only.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This report and supporting document are a summary of the action taken by the Legislature during the 2006 Session and have been approved by the Governor.

Supporting Documentation Included: 2006 Session Report

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1. **Enrollment Growth- Approved by the Governor 5/25/06**

The enrollment growth request for FGCU for 06-07 was 376 FTE. The 376 FTE equates to $3,221,754 of new general revenue (per the FTE formula). That is a 5.24% increase over last year's request.

In the 06-07 budget, the Legislature appropriated $54.4 million to the State University System. Of that amount, FGCU will receive $2.2 million or 379 additional FTEs.

2. **Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Funding- Approved by the Governor 5/25/06**

As FGCU continues to exceed expectations for enrollment growth, the demand for classroom and office space on campus has dramatically increased. In a response to those demands, the Legislature fully funded our PECO request:

- Roads/Parking/Infrastructure $ 4,063,559
- Academic VI Classroom Building $ 7,116,685
- Fine Arts Phase 2 Auditorium $ 12,762,582
- Academic VII Classroom Building $ 16,925,996

3. **Courtelis Matching Funds- Approved by the Governor 5/25/06**

Thanks to the generous gift by the Lutgert family of $5,000,000 and Mr. Ginn of $2,500,000, FGCU qualified and for the Courtelis matching gift program. The Legislature fully funded the State University System’s Courtelis request. FGCU will be receiving:

- Lutgert College of Business $5,000,000
- Engineering Building, Ginn $2,500,000
4. **Appropriations Requests- Approved by the Governor 5/25/06**

**Library Renovation**

The Florida Legislature through the PECO process funded Florida Gulf Coast University $17,000,000 for the expansion of the University's library. Since the original funding, cost of construction has increased over 25% in Southwest Florida. Several other Universities encountered the same or similar situations, so the Board of Governors requested $56,543,246 million to address these needs. The Legislature fully funded this line item and FGCU will receive:

$3,800,000 non-recurring one time appropriation

5. **Center for Positive Aging- Approved by the Governor 5/25/06**

Last year, FGCU received a $50,000 appropriation for the Center for Positive Aging in Charlotte County. These funds were used to test a community wide model of programs and services to maintain older adults with memory disorders in their homes, thus saving the State of Florida Medicaid and other health care expenses. In the Health and Human Services Budget, FGCU will receive:

$50,000 non-recurring funds

6. **Major Gifts Matching Funds- Approved by the Governor 5/25/06**

Once again, due to the generosity of our Southwest Florida and the dedication of the FGCU Foundation we have been able to establish two gifts totaling $100,000. FGCU will receive $150,000 matching funds for those two gifts.

7. **2nd District Court of Appeals Annex-Vetoed by the Governor 5-25-06**

Over the past several years, members of the Lee County Delegation have discussed with various community leaders and FGCU the possibility of housing a District Court of Appeals at FGCU. Due larger than expected State revenues during the 2006 Legislative Session, the Legislature was able to appropriate $1,500,000 million for planning and design of a 2nd District Court of Appeals Annex at FGCU.

2nd DCA Annex $1,500,000

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