Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
June 19, 2007

SUBJECT:  2007 Post-Legislative-Session Report

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Information Only

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This report is a summary of the action taken by the Legislature during the 2007 Session and that have been approved by the Governor.

Supporting Documentation Included:  2007 Post-Legislative-Session Report

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Legal Review by:  General Counsel Wendy Morris  (June 1, 2007)

Submitted by:  Interim President Richard Pegnetter
1. **Enrollment Growth**- Approved by the Governor 5/24/07

   The enrollment growth request for FGCU in 07-08 was 1779 FTE. The 1779 FTE equates to $16,006,746 of new general revenue (per the FTE formula). That was a 41% increase of our FTE over last year’s enrollment plan.

   In the 07-08 budget, the Legislature appropriated $63.3 million to the State University System. Of that amount, FGCU will receive $7,283,824 or 1052 additional FTEs.

2. **Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Funding**- Approved by the Governor 5/24/07

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

   - Roads/Parking/Infrastructure $5,000,000
   - Academic VI Classroom Building $1,650,000
   - Academic VII Classroom Building $3,400,000
   - Central Energy Plant Expansion $4,800,000
   - Engineering Addition $9,375,000

3. **Major Matching Gifts Funding**- Approved by the Governor 5/24/07

   Once again, due to the generosity of our Southwest Florida supporters and the dedication of the FGCU Foundation we have been able to establish nine gifts totaling $5,324,857. The Legislature fully funded our request for matching funds.

4. **Board of Governor’s approved appropriations requests**- Approved by the Governor 5/24/07

   FGCU requested two additional appropriations requests, which were approved by the Board of Governors for the 07-08 budget year. The first issue was targeted to fund new faculty to meet our enrollment growth needs. The original request was for $4,360,000 recurring funding.

   The second request was targeted to fund Instructional and Network Technology. This original request was for $1,939,600 recurring funding.

   Due to the decrease in recurring revenues for the State, the Legislature was unable to fully fund State University System’s requests for additional appropriations. Therefore, FGCU received partial funding for one of our initial
Legislative Budget Requests with non-recurring funds.

- New Faculty to Meet Enrollment Growth $1,500,000 non-recurring

5. **Long Term Care Administration Bachelor of Science degree**- Approved by the Governor 5/22/07

Thanks to the leadership and support of State Senator Burt Saunders and State Representative Gary Aubuchon, FGCU will be the first University in the State to offer a stand-alone program in Long Term Care Administration. These members along with our entire regional delegation worked tirelessly to pass this legislation in both Chambers, so it would be presented to the Governor for his approval. Many of the courses for this new degree will be available online and offered in the Fall of 2007.