

COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION POLICY RESEARCH AND IMPROVEMENT

July 9, 2003

SUBJECT: 5-year Contracts between State Universities and the State

PROPOSED COUNCIL ACTION

For Information and Discussion.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The General Appropriations Act (GAA) for FY 2003-04 included proviso which directed CEPRI to study the feasibility of 5-year contracts between the state and certain universities. The full text of the proviso is as follows:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2545, the Council for Education Policy Research and Improvement shall conduct a study of the feasibility of 5-year contracts between the State of Florida and the University of Florida, the State of Florida and Florida State University, and the State of Florida and Florida International University to provide programs and services at a level no less than that currently available to Florida residents. At a minimum the study shall identify the services and programs to be provided by each institution; the desired outcomes of each contract, including performance measure and standards for evaluating the achievement of such outcomes; the procedures to be used to collect data to demonstrate compliance with the terms and conditions of each contract; penalties, if any, for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of each contract; any anticipated obstacles to successful implementation of such contracts, and the cost of each contract to the State. A final report and recommendations, including a draft contract, shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by November 1, 2003.

Subsequent to the adoption of the GAA, the Speaker of the House directed CEPRI to include the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida in the study.

The presidents of each of the five universities in the study – or their representatives – will hold a panel discussion to present their vision of 5-year contracts. Staff will then give a brief overview of recent flexibility movements in Florida and in other states. Staff will also give a presentation on Access, Tuition and Financial Aid.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Revised draft timeline for presentations planned for CEPRI meetings
2. Letter inviting Dr. Young or his representative to participate in the panel discussion (the same letter was mailed to the president of each university involved in the study)

3. Letter from the Honorable Johnnie Byrd, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, requesting that the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida be included in the study

4. Each of the five universities' responses to the Funding Survey

Facilitators/Presenters:

Panel discussion: Presidents (or their representatives) of the five universities involved in the study, UF, FSU, USF, UCF, FIU

Staff:

Dr. Bill Proctor – Facilitator for panel discussion

Dr. Nancy McKee – Flexibility movements in other states and in Florida

Mr. Bob Cox – Access, Tuition and Financial Aid