

COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION POLICY RESEARCH AND IMPROVEMENT

August 13, 2003

SUBJECT: Legislative Assignments: University 5-Year Contracts

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.

At the July Council meeting, members directed staff to draft a template for a contract and to address the legalities of multi-year contracts. In addition to presenting these two items, staff will present options and recommendations related to the contract, as well as an explanation of university programs and services. A proposed process for contracting will also be presented.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Legalities of Multi-Year Contracts

Contract Template

Contract Specifications

Options for Structural and Legal Choices to be made in Contract

Process for Contracting

Options for Choices to be made Related to Tuition, Financial Aid, and Access

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