

MEMORANDUM

April 22, 2014

Dear FIU family:

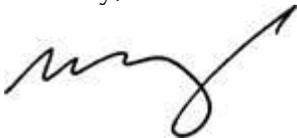
The Florida Legislature began its Budget Conference process yesterday to negotiate and agree on a budget that can be signed into law by the Governor. This week is critical for FIU because nearly \$268 million of our funding comes from the state. A budget must be finalized and voted on favorably by both chambers by the close of Session on May 2.

Of particular interest to FIU is the issue of performance funding. In January, the Board of Governors approved a proposal to fund state universities based on their performance of 10 metrics. The House and Senate have each adopted their own versions of the Performance Funding Model but must now agree on one version that can become law, in addition to the source of funding for the model. FIU favors a model that uses recurring general revenue, making funds available year after year, and that does not affect our base budget.

Other funding priorities for FIU include a \$10 million request for Strategic Land Acquisition to assist in our continued efforts to expand our footprint in South Florida by relocating The Fair, so that FIU can gain access to the 86 acres adjacent to our main campus. We are also seeking \$6.8 million for the completion of the Student Academic Support Complex and \$6.2 million for Critical Deferred Maintenance projects. Other budget priorities include funding for the College of Medicine; the College of Education Panther LIFE program; the Fostering Panther Pride network; the Wall of Wind; the Public Loss Model; the FIU International Hurricane Research Center; the College of Law; and the Metropolitan Consortium, an FIU partnership with UCF and USF focusing on academic success and career readiness.

As the Legislature works to finalize the budget and pass legislation, we are closely monitoring negotiations and working with our local legislators to ensure that FIU receives its fair share of state dollars.

Sincerely,



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President