



Item: III

Wednesday, August 16, 2006

SUBJECT: NEW UNIT FOR BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

PROPOSED COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Approval of a College of Biomedical Science

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Need for a Separate Unit:

- The start-up program in Biomedical Science and Medical School Regional Campus is now too large to function as a single department and should be recognized as multiple departments under a separate College of Biomedical Science. The four-year regional campus has been mandated that must include a clinical faculty with needs that cannot be met by the current College of Science.
- The medical teaching format is not the traditional academic format and requires a different infrastructure for its operation.
- A stand alone biomedical college will be effective in interactions/exchanges with other state regional and national entities.

Benefits to the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science (CESCOS):

- Allow CESCOS to focus efforts on traditional science and mathematics initiatives in instruction and research.
- CESCOS will continue to derive research infrastructure from the new College of Biomedical Science including support for graduate programs, courses for graduate programs and shared research facilities.

Benefits to the University:

- Our University is emerging as leader in education and research and a new college dedicated to biomedical science will enhance this University's stature.
- Formation of a new college furthers the University's goals to be a central focal point for the development of biomedical research in South Florida.
- Will provide FAU with the infrastructure for becoming a major academic health science center.

Benefits to the Community:

- Will provide health related life long learning to the community
- Will serve as a focal point for interaction between community hospitals, physicians and other healthcare providers to advance healthcare.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

If approval is granted, the unit will operate as a College effective upon approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The change to a College of Biomedical Science will be cost neutral. The department is currently funded through legislative appropriations that are designated solely for the operation of the program. This allocation and budgeting structure will be maintained.

Supporting Documentation:
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None
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