



VIII. Legislative Assignments

University Contracts

- ☐ **Panel Discussion**
- ☐ **Staff Report**
- ☐ **Council Discussion**

University 5-Year Contracts - Panel Discussion -



- **UF – Dr. David Colburn, Provost**
- **FSU – Dr. Larry Abele, Provost**
- **UCF – Dr. John Hitt, President**
- **FIU – Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Provost**

Flexibility Movements in Other States



- **Colorado School of Mines**
- **St. Mary's College**
- **Pennsylvania State University**

Colorado School of Mines



- **Public research university devoted to engineering and applied science**
- **Enrollment – 3,350 students**
- **Highest admissions standards of any university in Colorado**
- **Performance contract includes budget flexibility**

Colorado School of Mines



- **Statutory authority for school to operate under a performance contract**
- **Contract to be between Board of Trustees and Commission on Higher Ed**
- **Must have measurable goals, to include specified issues**
- **Contract must be approved by Legislature – effective until 6-30-11**
- **Board will have authority to set tuition, but must report plans for increases to Legislature for budget authority in appropriations bill**
- **Block grant for support of resident students**

Colorado School of Mines



- **Board agrees to:**
 - Enhance quality of institution
 - Strengthen financial status
 - Increase fin aid
 - Improve retention & graduation rates
 - Establish higher admissions standards
- **Commission agrees to:**
 - Relinquish its program approval authority to Board
 - Relinquish its tuition recommendation authority
 - Relinquish its QIS and performance funding requirements

St. Mary's College of Maryland



- **Public liberal arts honors college**
- **Enrollment - 1,800 students**

St. Mary's College of Maryland



- **Legislation allows St. Mary's to function as autonomous unit.**
- **Can set own tuition. Has increased financial aid, but no requirement to do so.**
- **Governor is required to request prior year's budget, plus inflation, but Legislature is not bound by that request.**
- **No performance standards in legislation, but college must submit an annual report on performance.**
- **No additional funding for enrollment growth, although enrollment has grown almost 20%.**

Pennsylvania State University



- **"State-related" university**
- **Enrollment: 81,000**
- **Sets its own tuition levels**
- **Tuition constitutes the largest single source of income for its operating budget**
- **State appropriations have decreased and tuition has increased as % of general fund:**
 - **1976: State – 54% and Tuition – 38%**
 - **2001: State – 33% and Tuition – 60%**

Pennsylvania State University



- **There is no “contract”, but there is legislation appropriating funds and specifying annual reporting requirements**
- **Annual report to include: number of faculty and professional staff; total salary by function; student credit hours; courses by level; credits required for degrees; number of degrees awarded; revenue & expenditures; financial statements, etc.**

Pennsylvania State University



- **“State-related” does not protect Penn State from budget cuts.**
- **In fact, the state ensures state institutions are adequately funded before appropriating funds to “non-preferred” institutions**
- **Penn State had a mid-year budget reduction last year when public universities did not.**

Pennsylvania State University



- **Penn State is not guaranteed funding for enrollment growth**
- **There are no performance standards in the legislation, only reporting requirements**
- **There are no requirements related to the amount of funds going to financial aid.**



Flexibility in Florida

Administrative Flexibility



- **Personnel Systems**
- **Collective Bargaining**
- **Purchasing/Contracting/MIS**
- **Eminent Domain**
- **Financial Management Systems**



Financial Flexibility

- **Deposit of Funds Outside the State Treasury/Investment of Funds**
- **Expenditure of Appropriated Funds**
- **Carry Forward Funds**
- **Position and Rate Controls**
- **Discretionary Tuition and Fees**



Additional Flexibility Needs Identified by Universities

**Primary: Authority to Set Tuition
Rates**