

# UF Legislative Agenda

Faculty Senate Meeting

February 19, 2009

# Florida Legislature

- House and Senate Committees meet in January and February
- Session runs March 3 – May 1
- Budget not passed until end of session

# Senate Committees of Interest

- Ways and Means
- Higher Education Appropriations
- Higher Education
- Health and Human Services  
Appropriations

# House Committees of Interest

- Appropriations Council on Education and Economic Development
  - State Universities and Private Colleges Appropriation Committee
- Education Policy Council
  - State Universities and Private Colleges Policy Committee
- Council on General Government and Health Care
  - Health Care Appropriations

# Legislative Agenda

- FY 08-09 Budget
- FY 09-10 Budget
- Stimulus Appropriations
- College of Medicine Funding
- Tuition Increase
- PECO Funds
- Major Gifts
- Others, TBD

# College of Medicine Funding

- State cut funding 5 years ago
  - State funds covered 79 percent of student cost in 2002; 26 percent in 2008
- Faculty Practice Plan subsidizes education
- State funds new medical schools
- UF seeks parity funding

# Tuition Increase

- Bill would allow universities to increase tuition up to 15 percent per year
- Requires 30 % for need based aid
- Bill would eliminate existing cap and tie it to national average
- Passed first committee in Senate on Wednesday
- Students support UF efforts



# PECO

- Tax revenues fund facilities projects
- Received \$85 million in 07, \$65 million in 08
- UF requesting funds for:
  - Infrastructure
  - Building Construction
  - Norman Hall Renovation



# Matching Gifts

- State matches donations for endowments and building construction
- Received \$40 million in FY07, \$160,000 in FY08
- Don't expect funding, but want program to continue until money is available

# Tallahassee Office

- Three UF employees
- Contract lobbyists as needed
- Coordinate faculty expertise with legislators' needs
- Office available for assistance
- UF interns in legislative and Governor's offices

# Federal Government Relations

- UF's primary focus is on earmarks for research
  - \$23 million in FY 08
  - \$7.2 million to date in FY 09
  - Proposing 20 projects for FY10

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

## ■ Increases funding for agencies

- NIH: \$10 billion
- NSF: \$3 billion
- DOE: \$2 billion
- NOAA: \$280 million
- NASA: \$550



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