

Government Relations Update

Board of Trustees Meeting
April 24, 2025



2025 Legislative Session Advocacy

Board of Trustees Lobby Day

Trustee Confirmations

Agronomics Study Legislation

Washington, D.C. (Federal Grant Advocacy)

FAMU Day At The Capitol

Spring Football Game with Legislators

Senate Wine Tasting Event with CAFS

Senate and House Hearings with CFO Brown and AD Suggs

\$350 Million SUS Performance-Based Funding

Governor's Recommended Budget

Funding for HBCUs	Education and General Operating Funds	FAMU-FSU College of Engineering	State University System
<p>\$17 million for Bethune-Cookman University</p> <p>\$7.5 million for Edward Waters University</p> <p>\$7 million for Florida Memorial University</p>	<p>\$115 million in Education and General (E&G) Operating funds for Florida A&M University</p>	<p>\$21, 256, 475 to fuel research and student success in the Joint College of Engineering</p>	<p>\$100 million for the State University System for the recruitment and retention of highly qualified faculty</p>

*Directly cited from the Governor's recommended budget announcement from February 3, 2025

College of Law

Nonrecurring Request | \$10 Million

Recurring Request | \$5 Million



Bar Exam Support

Recruit top students and employ world-class faculty, legal writing instructors, teaching assistants, and administrative staff to provide tutorial services and access to bar exam support and preparation resources to improve first-time bar passage rates.



Academic Progress

Enhance infrastructure, including study spaces and counseling services, to ensure academic excellence and accelerate student success making the College of Law a top choice for aspiring legal professionals.



Enhance Student Support Services

To ensure academic excellence, we will implement a legal writing laboratory, install a data management system, establish counseling services, and create health care and food services spaces at the law school that is currently located in a food desert.

College of Agriculture and Food Sciences

Nonrecurring Request | \$5.5 Million

Recurring Request | \$5.5 Million



BAERS Agricultural and Environmental Partnerships

Establish educational partnerships between our Brooksville Agricultural and Environmental Research Station (BAERS) with surrounding counties and local state colleges to enhance Florida's growing agriculture economy and natural resources.



Boost Agriculture Research

Provide enhancements to and update laboratory and research equipment, spaces, and facilities while recruiting and retaining lab managers, researchers, and teaching assistants needed to assist in studies for Florida's vital and growing agricultural economy.



Enhance Programs and Facilities

We will upgrade the Viticulture and Small Fruit Research Center and enhance programs and facilities in veterinary science, food sciences, and biological systems engineering.

Operational Enhancement

Recurring Request | \$10 Million



Talent Recruitment and Retainment

Strategically attract, retain, and train top talent, on par with Top 100 Universities, to educate, engage, and support students efforts to increase innovative research, productivity, and graduation rates while remaining a higher education leader.



Enhance Student Support

Increase student support in student mental health facilities, student services and academic support areas, and redesigned study labs to enhance increase graduation rates to surpass performance-based metrics.



Transfer Student Academic Support

We will expand the University's recently established Transfer Center to better facilitate the pathway toward degree completion.

FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

Recurring Request | \$13,140,328

The only shared college of engineering in the nation, we will foster a new model of human-centric engineering education integrated with HBCU traditions to train and graduate exceptional engineers with advanced degrees. We will drive real-world impact by pioneering multidisciplinary research and partnerships that address emerging societal needs and national priorities. Key Strategies:

- Enable research commercialization.
- Establish the Office for Technological Innovation.
- Recruit world-class faculty to drive new cross-disciplinary initiatives.
- Expand fellowship support for doctoral degree completion.

Security Hardening

Nonrecurring Request | \$5 Million

Recurring Request | \$1 Million

Security hardening funding would assist in the continuous efforts to protect the student body, faculty, staff, visitors, and campus. The goal is to enhance needed security infrastructure, including mass communication and dispatching systems, safety programs and equipment, smart cameras, lighting, storage, cybersecurity, and hurricane shelter facility needs for state use.

FY 2025-2026 Budget Conference Update



FY 2025-2026 BUDGET STATUS AS OF FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025					
PRIORITY	REQUEST	HOUSE	DIFFERENCE	SENATE	DIFFERENCE
<u>AGRONOMIC STUDY ON EMERGING CROPS</u> ROUSON	\$1 MILLION NR	\$0	-\$1 MILLION NR	\$1 MILLION NR	-
<u>CAMPUS SECURITY HARDEINNG</u> FRANKLIN SIMON	\$5 MILLION NR \$1 MILLION R	\$2.5 MILLION NR	-\$2.5 MILLION NR -\$1 MILLION R	\$0	-\$5 MILLION NR -\$1 MILLION R
<u>COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD SCIENCES BAERS</u> FRANKLIN DAVIS	\$5.5 MILLION NR \$5.5 MILLION R	\$2.75 MILLION NR	-\$2.75 MILLION NR -\$5.5 MILLION R	\$0	-\$5.5 MILLION NR -\$5.5 MILLION R
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT)	\$13,140,328 R	\$0	-\$13,140,328 R	\$0	-\$13,140,328 R
<u>COLLEGE OF LAW</u> FRANKLIN SIMON	\$10 MILLION NR \$5 MILLION R	\$5 MILLION NR	-\$5 MILLION NR -\$5 MILLION R	\$8 MILLION NR	-\$2 MILLION NR -\$5 MILLION R
FAMU OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT	\$10 MILLION R	\$0	-\$10 MILLION R	\$0	-\$10 MILLION R
<u>FAMU-FSU COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING BUILDING C</u>	\$80 MILLION NR	\$40 MILLION NR	-\$40 MILLION NR	\$40 MILLION NR	-\$40 MILLION NR
FAMU CRESTVIEW	\$1.5 MILLION R	\$1.5 MILLION R	-	\$1.5 MILLION R	-

*NR=NONRECURRING | R=RECURRING | -=REQUEST MET

Strike, Strike, and Strike Again!



Budget Timeline

Budget
Timeline
April | May

Joint Budget Conference Committees are formed to negotiate over differences between the House and Senate budget bills.

Budget
Timeline
May | June

The Legislature enacts the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for the upcoming fiscal year. The Act identifies specific expenditures and revenue sources. Spending cannot exceed the revenue available for funding.

The Governor reviews the GAA and submits a veto message to the Legislature or Secretary of State within seven or 15 days.

Budget
Timeline
June

The Legislature could override any or all the vetoes submitted by the Governor.

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Legislative Leadership

Senate President



Ben Albritton
Bartow

Senate President Pro Tempore



Jason Brodeur
Lake Mary

Florida House Speaker



Daniel Perez
Miami

Florida House Speaker Pro Tempore



Wyman Duggan
Jacksonville

Senate Committee Leadership

Agriculture | **Keith Truenow**
Appropriations | **Ed Hooper**
Agriculture Appropriations | **Jason Brodeur**
Higher Education Appropriations | **Gayle Harrell**
PreK-12 Appropriations | **Danny Burgess**
Education Postsecondary | **Alexis Calatayud**
Education Pre-K-12 | **Corey Simon**

House Committee Leadership

Budget | **Lawrence McClure**
Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee | **Tiffany Esposito**
Higher Education Budget Subcommittee | **Demi Busatta**
PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee | **Jenna Persons-Mulicka**
Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee | **Michelle Salzman**
Education & Employment Committee | **Jennifer Canady**

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