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University budget priorities outlined

On Feb. 13 President Borkowski presented USF's legislative priorities to the Tampa legislative delegation. Several college deans, faculty members, USF employees and community leaders joined the president in presenting key initiatives that will be pursued during the legislative session beginning April 3.

The Tampa orientation meeting began a busy legislative session for the University that includes several site visits by legislators and delegation meetings at the St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Fort Myers and Sarasota campuses.

The budget process actually began several months ago with the formulation of the University's budget request for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2000. The Board of Regents evaluated the request and transmitted it as part of the State University System budget to the Governor's office.

The Florida Legislature holds budget hearings in the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to determine the proposed level of the SUS budget. Each house votes on their proposal separately and a compromise is worked out to final Appropriations Bill. This process usually takes most of the legislative session, and the bill is presented on the floor of both houses for a vote in late May or early June. The 1990 legislative program includes key USF funding priorities. The following priorities have been outlined:

- Enrollment Growth - Funding is requested for new faculty and support staff to meet projected student demand.
- Academic Enhancement - New funds are needed for both the undergraduate and graduate levels to create additional class offerings and provide improved instructional resources.
- Faculty Salary Enhancement - Funds requested would provide faculty with an increase of 2 percent above the standard state employee increase.
- A&P/USPF Salary Enhancement - Funds are requested to provide an additional 5 percent for these employees.
- Branches and Centers Funding - The State University System has arranged to provide funding for operations relating to regional campuses and centers.
- The request in this category is $3.8 million, of which almost one-third would go to USF.
- Graphic/Studio - $502,000 is requested to provide permanent positions and operating funds for USF's internationally recognized teaching and graphics design studio.
- Construction Funding - Requests include $8,443,150 for the construction of a new Tampa Bio-Science academic facility, and $500,000 for the architectural planning of a new Marine Science building on the St. Petersburg campus. The Board of Regents has also approved a request for planning funds of $1.5 million for a research facility at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute.
- USF Health Sciences Center - Requests include funds for undergraduate and graduate programs that support the needs of the community as well as the mission of the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health.
- Global Change Research Center - Funding for this center will support the coordination of interdisciplinary research in global change by University faculty.
- St. Petersburg campus priorities include funds for the College of Business Administration, Academic Advising, the College of Education, Student Services, Library facilities, Administrative Support Services and Plant Operations and Maintenance.

Sarasota campus priorities include funds for the College of Education, the College of Business Administration, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Student Services, Library staff and Plant Operations and Maintenance.

In its efforts to become one of the top 25 liberal arts colleges in America by the year 2000, New College is seeking funding for positions in French and Spanish, expanded student support services in career counseling and expanded student support services in mathematical literacy.

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In the interim, the Office of Public Affairs will retain responsibility for media and publications, and the offices of Community Relations and University Events Planning, will continue to report to USF's Vice President for Development and Alumni Affairs, Joseph F. Basta, Jr.

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For the first time, the campus is offering four new courses, each with an interdisciplinary focus. A course in women's studies looks at American women from 1877 to the present, and examines the changes women's roles have taken. A 15th-century art history course is scheduled, along with a course on the biology of Florida.

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