

The Florida Senate  
**COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**  
 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION  
 APPROPRIATIONS  
 Senator Lynn, Chair  
 Senator Thrasher, Vice Chair

**MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
**TIME:** 5:00 —6:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** *Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building*

**MEMBERS:** Senator Lynn, Chair; Senator Thrasher, Vice Chair; Senators Altman, Braynon, Detert, Hays, Joyner, Montford, Oelrich, Simmons, Siplin, and Wise

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TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Review and Discussion of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget Issues relating to:  Department of Education Board of Governors		Discussed
Other Related Meeting Documents			

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## **Senate Higher Education Appropriations – Budget Conforming Issues for 2012-13**

- Bright Futures FAFSA:
  - Clarifies that annual submission is required.
  - Provides for an alternative form.
- Bright Futures Spring/Summer Cohort Pilot:
  - Clarifies that only two semester of funding are allowed.
- Bright Futures Award Alternatives:
  - Authorizes an additional supplement for upper division STEM fields.
- Bright Futures Time to Enroll:
  - Allows up to 2 years after high school graduation rather than 3 years.
- Bright Futures Gold Seal:
  - Limits Gold Seal to job-related career programs.
- Requires coalitions to maximize purchasing power for higher education institutions.
- Authorizes Oversight Responsibilities for Division of Florida Colleges Regarding Colleges with Potential Management and Academic Issues.
- Requires Boards of Trustees of Colleges and Universities to Conduct a Public Audit Overview During a Board Meeting if the Audit Contains Significant Findings.
- Requires the Auditor General to notify the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee of any audit review which indicates that a state university or state college has failed to take corrective action in response to a recommendation which was included in the two preceding audit reports. The committee may take appropriate action as required including further written documentation from the governing body, committee appearance and testimony, and financial penalties.
- Authorizes the BOG to approve transfer of unused budget authority from E&G Student and Other Fees Trust Fund.
- Eliminates Vocational Rehabilitation Responsibilities Related to Injured Worker Program.
- Creates the Florida Library Resource Center for Universities and Colleges as recommended by joint task force.
- Establishes the Florida Degree Consortium:
  - Merge the Distance Learning Consortium and FACTS.org in the new Consortium.
  - Create the Degree Completion Pilot Program in the new consortium to facilitate online degrees for adults with prior college or university credit.
- Authorizes the University of Florida to exceed the 5% bonding limitation on the Activities and Service (A&S) fee to fund the renovation and expansion of the student union.
- Requires the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.:
  - To use collections agency to collect repayments of defaulted scholarships.
  - To report the annual balance of assets and cash reserves.
- Provides for an Excess hour surcharge over 110 percent for students enrolling for the first time in 2012-2013, instead of 115 percent.
- Requires Blind Services to give Daytona State College the first priority for the use of available Blind Services land in Daytona.
- Allows fee exemption for adult education students when full program cost is paid by another party.

- Revise the severance package language for College and University Presidents to conform to s. 215.425, F.S.
- Makes a Clarifying correction to workforce fee exemption statute.

**Florida Polytechnic University – Creation Legislation**  
**Senate Higher Education Appropriations Conforming Bill 2012**

The bill:

- Creates the Florida Polytechnic University in statute. The new university is completely independent and autonomous. All laws governing a university will apply, including establishment of a board of trustees and a president.
- Requires Florida Polytechnic University to meet the milestones in the Board of Governor's motion by December 31, 2016.
- Requires the University of South Florida (USF) to allow current USF Polytechnic students to complete their degree at USF.
- Transfers real and personal property, licenses and associated revenues, existing contracts, unexpended balances, appropriations, allocations, and other funds of USF Polytechnic to Florida Polytechnic University.
- Requires USF to retain the current faculty and staff.
- Allows Florida Polytechnic University to decide on faculty and staff for the new institution.
- Requires USF to transfer Polytechnic-related foundation funds to a new Florida Polytechnic University foundation.
- Cancels all memorandums of understanding between USF and USF Polytechnic upon this act becoming law.
- Authorizes a university board of trustees to expend reserve or carry-forward balances from prior year operational and programmatic appropriations for legislatively approved fixed capital outlay projects authorized for the establishment of a new campus.
- Requires Florida Polytechnic University to transfer space at the Lakeland joint-use facility to Polk State College as new space becomes available on the new campus of Florida Polytechnic University.
- Authorizes the University of Florida to serve in an advisory/consulting capacity to the new university on certain issues.
- Creates the Florida Polytechnic Institute, a linkage institute that includes the Florida Polytechnic University and Valencia College.
- Corrects cross references.

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APPEARANCE RECORD

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Meeting Date

Topic

Auditor General Reports Child Colleges

Bill Number

Profiling Bill

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Appearing at request of Chair:

Yes

No

Lobbyist registered with Legislature:

Yes

No

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# CourtSmart Tag Report

**Room:** KN 412

**Case:**

**Type:**

**Caption:** Senate Budget Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations - 412kb - 5:00pm

**Judge:**

**Started:** 2/8/2012 5:04:37 PM

**Ends:** 2/8/2012 5:34:34 PM **Length:** 00:29:58

5:04:39 PM	Call to order
5:05:09 PM	Roll call
5:05:15 PM	Chair comments
5:09:41 PM	Senator Siplin
5:10:52 PM	Senator Braynon
5:12:16 PM	Chair
5:14:35 PM	Senator Wise
5:15:50 PM	Chair
5:16:14 PM	Kurt Hamon, Staff Director Education Appropriations Committees
5:18:26 PM	Senator Altman
5:19:15 PM	Senator Oelrich
5:20:08 PM	Randy Hanna, Chancellor Division of Florida Colleges
5:21:17 PM	Senator Thrasher
5:22:32 PM	Chair
5:26:27 PM	Senator Detert
5:27:07 PM	Chair
5:27:27 PM	Senator Oelrich
5:30:34 PM	Senator Thrasher
5:31:45 PM	Senator Oelrich
5:33:53 PM	Chair
5:33:58 PM	Meeting Adjourned