The Committee on Appropriations (Galvano) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 616 and 617 insert:

Section 17. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—
(5) POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY.—
(b) The Board of Governors shall develop a strategic plan specifying goals and objectives for the State University System
and each constituent university, including each university’s contribution to overall system goals and objectives. The strategic plan must:

1. Include performance metrics and standards common for all institutions and metrics and standards unique to institutions depending on institutional core missions, including, but not limited to, student admission requirements, retention, graduation, percentage of graduates who have attained employment, percentage of graduates enrolled in continued education, licensure passage, average wages of employed graduates, average cost per graduate, excess hours, student loan burden and default rates, faculty awards, total annual research expenditures, patents, licenses and royalties, intellectual property, startup companies, annual giving, endowments, and well-known, highly respected national rankings for institutional and program achievements.

2. Consider reports and recommendations of the Higher Education Coordinating Council pursuant to s. 1004.015 and the Articulation Coordinating Committee pursuant to s. 1007.01.

3. Include student enrollment and performance data delineated by method of instruction, including, but not limited to, traditional, online, and distance learning instruction.

4. Include criteria for designating baccalaureate degree and master’s degree programs at specified universities as high-demand programs of emphasis. Fifty percent of the criteria for designation as high-demand programs of emphasis must be based on achievement of performance outcome thresholds determined by the Board of Governors, and 50 percent of the criteria must be based on achievement of performance outcome thresholds specifically...
linked to:

a. Job placement in employment of 36 hours or more per week and average full-time wages of graduates of the degree programs 1 year and 5 years after graduation, based in part on data provided in the economic security report of employment and earning outcomes produced annually pursuant to s. 445.07.

b. Data-driven gap analyses, conducted by the Board of Governors, of the state’s job market demands and the outlook for jobs that require a baccalaureate or higher degree. Each state university must use the gap analyses to identify internship opportunities for students to benefit from mentorship by industry experts, earn industry certifications, and become employed in high-demand fields.

Section 18. Section 1004.6497, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.6497 World Class Faculty and Scholar Program.—

(1) PURPOSE AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—The World Class Faculty and Scholar Program is established to fund and support the efforts of state universities to recruit and retain exemplary faculty and research scholars. It is the intent of the Legislature to elevate the national competitiveness of Florida’s state universities through faculty and scholar recruitment and retention.

(2) INVESTMENTS.—Retention, recruitment, and recognition efforts, activities, and investments may include, but are not limited to, investments in research-centric cluster hires, faculty research and research commercialization efforts, instructional and research infrastructure, undergraduate student participation in research, professional development, awards for
outstanding performance, and postdoctoral fellowships.

(3) FUNDING AND USE.—Funding for the program shall be as provided in the General Appropriations Act. Each state university shall use the funds only for the purpose and investments authorized under this section.

(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.—By March 15 of each year, the Board of Governors shall provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report summarizing information from the universities in the State University System, including, but not limited to:

(a) Specific expenditure information as it relates to the investments identified in subsection (2).

(b) The impact of those investments in elevating the national competitiveness of the universities, specifically relating to:

1. The success in recruiting research faculty and the resulting research funding;

2. The 4-year graduation rate;

3. The number of undergraduate courses offered with fewer than 50 students; and

4. The increased national academic standing of targeted programs, specifically advancement among top 50 universities in the targeted programs in well-known and highly respected national public university rankings, including, but not limited to, the U.S. News and World Report rankings, which reflect national preeminence, using the most recent rankings.

Section 19. Section 1004.6498, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1004.6498 State University Professional and Graduate Degree
Excellence Program.—

(1) PURPOSE.—The State University Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program is established to fund and support the efforts of state universities to enhance the quality and excellence of professional and graduate schools and degree programs in medicine, law, and business and expand the economic impact of state universities.

(2) INVESTMENTS.—Quality improvement efforts may include, but are not limited to, targeted investments in faculty, students, research, infrastructure, and other strategic endeavors to elevate the national and global prominence of state university medicine, law, and graduate-level business programs.

(3) FUNDING AND USE.—Funding for the program shall be as provided in the General Appropriations Act. Each state university shall use the funds only for the purpose and investments authorized under this section.

(4) ACCOUNTABILITY.—By March 15 of each year, the Board of Governors shall provide to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report summarizing information from the universities in the State University System, including, but not limited to:

(a) Specific expenditure information as it relates to the investments identified in subsection (2).

(b) The impact of those investments in elevating the national and global prominence of the state university medicine, law, and graduate-level business programs, specifically relating to:

1. The first-time pass rate on the United States Medical Licensing Examination;
2. The first-time pass rate on The Florida Bar Examination;

3. The percentage of graduates enrolled or employed at a wage threshold that reflects the added value of a graduate-level business degree;

4. The advancement in the rankings of the state university medicine, law, and graduate-level programs in well-known and highly respected national graduate-level university rankings, including, but not limited to, the U.S. News and World Report rankings, which reflect national preeminence, using the most recent rankings; and

5. The added economic benefit of the universities to the state.

Section 20. Section 1013.79, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1013.79 University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program.—

(1) The Legislature recognizes that the universities do not have sufficient physical facilities to meet the current demands of their instructional and research programs. It further recognizes that, to strengthen and enhance universities, it is necessary to provide facilities in addition to those currently available from existing revenue sources. It further recognizes that there are sources of private support that, if matched with state support, can assist in constructing much-needed facilities and strengthen the commitment of citizens and organizations in promoting excellence throughout the state universities. Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish a trust fund to provide the opportunity for each university to receive support for challenge grants for instructional and
research-related capital facilities within the university.

(2) There is established the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program for the purpose of assisting universities build high priority instructional and research-related capital facilities, including common areas connecting such facilities. The associated foundations that serve the universities shall solicit gifts from private sources to provide matching funds for capital facilities. For the purposes of this act, private sources of funds may shall not include any federal, state, or local government funds that a university may receive.

(3)(a) There is established the Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund to facilitate the development of high priority instructional and research-related capital facilities, including common areas connecting such facilities, within a university. All appropriated funds deposited into the trust fund shall be invested pursuant to s. 17.61. Interest income accruing to that portion of the trust fund shall increase the total funds available for the challenge grant program.

(b) Effective July 1, 2009, the Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund is terminated.

(c) The State Board of Education shall pay any outstanding debts and obligations of the terminated fund as soon as practicable, and the Chief Financial Officer shall close out and remove the terminated funds from various state accounting systems using generally accepted accounting principles concerning warrants outstanding, assets, and liabilities.

(d) By June 30, 2008, all private funds and associated interest earnings held in the Alec P. Courtelis Capital
Facilities Matching Trust Fund shall be transferred to the originating university’s individual program account.

(3)(4) Each university shall establish, pursuant to s. 1011.42, a facilities matching grant program account as a depository for private contributions provided under this section. Once a project is under contract, funds appropriated as state matching funds may be transferred to the university’s account once the Board of Governors certifies receipt of the private matching funds pursuant to subsection (4) (5). State funds that are not needed as matching funds for the project for which appropriated shall be transferred, together with any accrued interest, back to the state fund from which such funds were appropriated. The transfer of unneeded state funds shall occur within 30 days after final completion of the project or within 30 days after a determination that the project will not be completed. The Public Education Capital Outlay and Debt Service Trust Fund or the Capital Improvement Trust Fund may not be used as the source of the state match for private contributions. Interest income accruing from the private donations shall be returned to the participating foundation upon completion of the project.

(4)(5) A project may not be initiated unless all private funds for planning, construction, and equipping the facility have been received and deposited in the separate university program account designated for this purpose. However, these requirements do not preclude the university from expending funds derived from private sources to develop a prospectus, including preliminary architectural schematics or models, for use in its efforts to raise private funds for a facility, and for site
preparation, planning, and construction. The Board of Governors shall establish a method for validating the receipt and deposit of private matching funds. The Legislature may appropriate the state’s matching funds in one or more fiscal years for the planning, construction, and equipping of an eligible facility. Each university shall notify all donors of private funds of a substantial delay in the availability of state matching funds for this program.

(5) To be eligible to participate in the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program, a university must raise a contribution equal to one-half of the total cost of a facilities construction project from private nongovernmental sources which must be matched by a state appropriation equal to the amount raised for a facilities construction project subject to the General Appropriations Act.

(6) If the state’s share of the required match is insufficient to meet the requirements of subsection (5), the university must renegotiate the terms of the contribution with the donors. If the project is terminated, each private donation, plus accrued interest, reverts to the foundation for remittance to the donor.

(7) By October 15 of each year, the Board of Governors shall transmit to the Legislature a list of projects that meet all eligibility requirements to participate in the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program and a budget request that includes the recommended schedule necessary to complete each project.

(8) In order for a project to be eligible under this...
program, it must be included in the university 5-year capital improvement plan and must receive approval from the Board of Governors or the Legislature.

(9) A university’s project may not be removed from the approved 3-year PECO priority list because of its successful participation in this program until approved by the Legislature and provided for in the General Appropriations Act. When such a project is completed and removed from the list, all other projects shall move up on the 3-year PECO priority list. A university may not use PECO funds, including the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee and the building fee, to complete a project under this section.

(10) The surveys, architectural plans, facility, and equipment are the property of the State of Florida. A facility constructed pursuant to this section may be named in honor of a donor at the option of the university and the Board of Governors. A facility may not be named after a living person without prior approval by the Legislature.

(11) Effective July 1, 2011, state matching funds are temporarily suspended for donations received for this program on or after June 30, 2011. Existing eligible donations remain eligible for future matching funds. The program may be restarted after $200 million of the backlog for programs under ss. 1011.32, 1011.85, 1011.94, and this section have been matched.

(12) Notwithstanding the suspension provision under subsection (11), for the 2017-2018 fiscal year and subject to the General Appropriations Act, the Legislature may choose to prioritize funding for those projects that have matching funds available before June 30, 2011, and that have not yet been
constructed.

Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 267.062, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

267.062 Naming of state buildings and other facilities.—
(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) or s. 1013.79(10) or s. 1013.79(11), any state building, road, bridge, park, recreational complex, or other similar facility of a state university may be named for a living person by the university board of trustees in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Governors of the State University System.

And the title is amended as follows:
Delete line 52 and insert:

Revision and Information; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.; requiring state universities to use gap analyses to identify internship opportunities in high-demand fields; creating s. 1004.6497, F.S.; establishing the World Class Faculty and Scholar Program; providing the purpose and intent of the program; authorizing investments in certain faculty retention, recruitment, and recognition activities; specifying funding as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the funds to be used only for authorized purposes and investments; requiring the Board of Governors to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; creating s. 1004.6498, F.S.; establishing the State University...
Professional and Graduate Degree Excellence Program; providing the purpose of the program; listing the quality improvement efforts that may be used to elevate the prominence of state university medicine, law, and graduate-level business programs; specifying funding as provided in the General Appropriations Act; requiring the funds to be used only for authorized purposes and investments; requiring the Board of Governors to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.; revising the intent of the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program; deleting the Alec P. Courtelis Capital Facilities Matching Trust Fund; authorizing the Legislature to prioritize certain funds for the 2017-2018 fiscal year; amending s. 267.062, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.