



New College of Florida's 2020-2021 Legislative Budget Request Presentation

Sarasota & Manatee Legislative Delegations

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We are pleased to provide this November update regarding New College's legislative budget request for FY 2020-21. We are deeply grateful for the support that our local delegations and the entire Florida Legislature has given New College over the years. Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST

The 2019 Legislature funded, and Governor DeSantis signed into law, the third and final year of recurring operating funds, totaling \$1.64 million, to grow enrollment at New College to 1,200 by 2023-24 and increase four-year graduation rates beyond 80%. This appropriation, when added to recurring appropriations in 2018-19 (\$3.6 million) and FY 2017-18 (\$5.4 million), fulfill the \$10.6 million requested in total to execute the growth plan in its entirety. For institutions like New College, four-year graduation rates are correlated with size. Substantially increasing enrollment will enable New College to increase our four-year graduation rate from just under 60% (among the best in Florida) to more than 80% (among the best in the nation).

As we work to increase enrollment by approximately 50%, both New College and the Board of Governors recognize that additional facilities will be needed. Our highest priority request for FY 2020-21 consideration is as follows:

Non-recurring request: Multi-Purpose Facility to Support Enrollment Growth (\$6M for planning & design)

- ✓ #1 project on New College's 2020-21 PECO priority list;
#2 on the 2020-21 SUS PECO priority list adopted at the October 2019 Board of Governors meeting.
- ✓ At full build-out, the project will comprise 107,000 gross square feet of new E&G space (\$50.4 million total all-in estimated costs in 2019 dollars) and will eliminate \$5 million in deferred maintenance. At an October meeting, the BOG voted unanimously to request funding for Phase 1 of the project as follows:
 - \$6 million in FY 2020-21 to plan/design the entire facility
 - \$17.4 million in FY 2021-22 for Phase 1 construction
- ✓ The \$6 million in planning funds will guide decisions on how best to configure the new multi-use facility for enrollment growth in accordance with the principles of our campus master plan. Through design charettes, we have identified the location for the multi-purpose project and determined guiding principles.
- ✓ Although the Legislature was not able to identify planning funds requested for FY 2019-20, a FY 2020-21 appropriation will still align the project with the timing of planned growth.
- ✓ The project includes multi-use space to support our unique academic program (classrooms, labs, auditorium, faculty offices), student development (space for health and wellness, student life, advising), administrative support (campus safety, records & registration, financial affairs, employee support services), and infrastructure improvements to include reconfiguring the College's fiber optic backbone and network cabling hub for the new facility and campus. We anticipate new residence halls will be constructed using Public-Private Partnership (P3) private financing.

We would like to call your attention to three other issues important to New College and the Sarasota-Manatee region:

1. Proviso Language: Data Science and Center for Career Engagement and Opportunity

- ✓ Funding for our graduate Data Science program, undergraduate computer science program, and our Center for Career Engagement & Opportunity –programs vital to the continued success of New College – are in proviso language and, therefore, are subject to line item veto each year. If the appropriations for either program were to be vetoed, Florida Statute 216.179 appears to prohibit expenditures for, or implementation of, these programs. This would mean New College would be unable to teach-out students already enrolled in the Data Science and Computer Science programs (which is a requirement of our regional accreditor).
- ✓ New College requests your assistance in figuring out how to remove the proviso language from these programs and ensure appropriations remain in our base budget.

2. Board of Governors Universities of Distinction Request: New College Tomorrow (\$700k request)

- ✓ New College fully supports the Universities of Distinction proposal developed by the Board of Governors. Our *New College Tomorrow* plan, accepted by the Board of Governors, will allocate these funds to:
 - Inflect NCF toward the world of work through experiential learning and integrated career planning
 - Enhance local collaboration by providing recurring funding for the Cross College Alliance (CCA) Coordinator, CCA operating funds, and a Community Engagement Director.

3. Cross College Alliance (CCA) Center for Creativity

- ✓ As higher education is critical to the future of our local and state economy, New College pledges to continue to enhance collaborative and cooperative efforts with our neighboring institutions in the CCA. Our joint request, coordinated by Ringling College, will make the Sarasota-Manatee area a magnet for education that prepares students with the creative, communication, and technical skills – unique human elements – for a disruptive, future economy in which many jobs are replaced artificial intelligence and machine learning.

2018-19 Academic Excellence and Accolades

- ✓ Through our efforts to improve retention and four-year graduation rates, the 2018-19 graduating class was the largest ever at New College (with 213 baccalaureate degrees and 16 Data Science degrees awarded).
- ✓ New College continues to lead the SUS in top national rankings:
 - #3 Public Liberal Arts College (*Washington Monthly*, 2019)
 - #6 Public Liberal Arts College (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2019)
 - Top 20 Best Value College (*Fiske Guide to College*)
 - #23 Best Value in Public Education (*Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, 2019)
 - #63 Best Value Public College (*Forbes*, 2019)
- ✓ NCF earned accolades for its production in areas of strategic emphasis (STEM and Global Competitiveness):
 - #1 among ALL public colleges and universities in the percent of undergraduates who go on to earn PhDs (#1 overall and #1 in science and engineering doctoral degrees according to the NSF)
 - 74 Fulbright Scholarships awarded to NCF students in the past 15 years (13% of all awarded to the SUS) 25 Gilman International Scholarships awarded to New College students since 2004
 - Over the past five years, NCF has awarded more than 40% of its baccalaureate degrees in STEM fields
 - Our Master of Science in Data Science program has a 100% success rate – all graduates have received offers of employment by graduation at a median starting salary of \$85,000 (3x the average per capita income of Florida and 27% higher than the average Florida resident with a Master of Science degree).
- ✓ These achievements make us confident that New College of Florida will reach an enrollment of 1200, a four-year graduation rate of 80%, and recognition as one of the top 20 liberal arts colleges in the nation.