



UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION

Number: R01-2

Subject: State Matching Gifts

Date: December 13, 2001

The University of Florida Board of Trustees hereby resolves:

(1) That it endorses the recommendations of the Council for Educational Policy, Research and Improvement in the draft report entitled, "The Costs and Benefits of State Matching Funds for Community College and State University Private Donations," except for the following recommendations in that report:

- Recommendation 2: The Board of Trustees believes it is imperative that institutional priorities, including fund raising priorities, be set by the administration and boards of trustees of each university. Therefore, the University of Florida Board of Trustees does not endorse the recommendation that the Florida Board of Education be given flexibility to give additional weight or priority to scholarship donations submitted for matches that have a need-based requirement.
- Recommendation 6: The University of Florida Board of Trustees believes that the current matching gift program provides equal access to all universities, on a first come first served basis. Therefore, the University of Florida Board of

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Trustees does not endorse the recommendation that the Florida Board of Education be provided authority to distribute a certain percentage of matching funds across institutions. It is the position of the University of Florida Board of Trustees that this recommendation, if adopted, would undermine incentives to private giving that have been so successful and visionary for the State of Florida.