



October 21, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President *BRS*
SUBJECT: Baccalaureate Degree

Item Description

This item requests that the Board support TCC making application to the State Board of Education to offer Baccalaureate degrees.

Overview and Background

The state of Florida has developed a process based on local need for community colleges to offer baccalaureate degrees so that communities have the trained workers they need. Development of each degree depends on demonstrating need and capacity to the State Board of Education, both for the education and for the jobs. Other higher education institutions have input into the application as well.

The College must submit a performance report for each baccalaureate it offers annually to the Florida College System. This report is reviewed by the State Board of Education; the State Board has the authority to modify or terminate programs based on performance.

Twenty-four of the twenty-eight community colleges now offer baccalaureates, and the state is continuing to provide funding incentives for growth based on the demonstrated success of these options.

Past Actions by the Board

The Board has taken no action on this item in the past.

Funding/Financial Implications

This request is to move forward with the application process which has no funding implications. The final application with funding needs and revenues will be presented separately for Board approval prior to submission to the State Board of Education.

Staff Resource

Barbara Sloan

Recommended Action

That the Board approve development of a full proposal for the Bachelors of Science in Nursing, including the preliminary letter of intent followed by the full proposal.