

**Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees  
April 18, 2006**

**SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement with South Florida Water  
Management District**

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Authorize the President to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between the Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees and the South Florida Water Management District and in so doing designate conservation areas on campus in accordance with the Agreement; and, authorize the President to continue discussions with the District and to designate additional conservation areas, if necessary.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The University and the South Florida Water Management District (the "District") have been collaborating to draft a memorandum of agreement to designate conservation areas on the main campus. The purpose of the conservation areas will be to preserve, enhance, restore and/or mitigate wetlands and/or uplands on the main campus. The designation of these areas for conservation purposes was required as part of the various environmental resource permits issued by the District for construction of the University

The University and the District have identified five (5) conservation areas: Three small areas inside the campus loop road and two larger areas adjacent to the campus entrance at Ben Hill Griffin Parkway ("BHG"). The smaller areas consist of approximately 3.139, 4.931 and 0.644 acres, respectively, and are located near the campus core. The larger designated areas consist of a 17.4807 acre parcel located south of the main entrance road just east of BHG and a 22.5326 acre parcel located north of the main entrance road just east of BHG. Sketches of these five areas are included.

At the time of agenda item submission, the University and the District are reviewing whether additional areas are to be included in the designated conservation areas. During the meeting, the Board will be updated as to the status of this continued review.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** (1) Memorandum of Agreement, and (2) Sketches of Five Identified Conservation Areas.

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**Legal Review by:** N/A

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