



State lawmakers took the week off last week in observance of the holidays but now it's time to get down to business. With the legislative session moving into its final two weeks, lawmakers still need to settle on a FY 2014-15 budget and decide the fate of dozens of bills, with much of the latter taking place on the House and Senate floors.

A handful of committees will meet early this week, including the full appropriations committees for both the House and Senate. Since these will be the final "appropriations" meetings of the session, those bills not scheduled onto each committee's agenda are almost certainly dead for the session.

Among those not scheduled to be heard are Senate Bills 1400 and 900, which are of particular interest to state universities. SB 1400 would allow the children of undocumented immigrants to pay the in-state tuition rate; repeal tuition increases based on the rate of inflation (which are automatic when no other tuition increases are stated in the general appropriations act); and allows the state's preeminent universities to assess a differential tuition of up to 6 percent. However, other bills that contain some of these provisions are still in play (see the Spotlight on Bills section for more information).

SB 900, meanwhile, is the public/private partnership bill that the SUS supported at the beginning of the session, but certain amendments added a few weeks ago made continued support impossible for state universities. In any case, the bill is probably finished for this session.

House and Senate budget conferees are expected to meet later today or early tomorrow to begin the budget-negotiation process. The budget must be reconciled by next Tuesday in order to meet the mandatory 72-hour cooling-off period before a final vote can be taken. An outline of each chamber's budget numbers pertaining to Florida State is included in this newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about bills or budget items of interest. I can be reached at **(850) 644-4453** or **kdaly@fsu.edu**.

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Budget Issues to be Resolved

Line Item #	Item	Senate	House	Recommended Position
143	General Revenue	\$250,706,273	\$246,271,771	
	Additional Preeminence Funds	\$5,000,000 R (incl. in base)	\$0	
	Senate cuts to Pepper Center	-\$500,000	No cut	
18	FSU College of Engineering	\$3,000,000 R (incl. in base)	\$0	
	Campus Compact	\$0	\$200,000 NR (incl. in base)	
	Student & Other Fees Trust Fund	\$227,550,703	\$227,550,703	
	Lottery	\$37,064,365	\$47,599,914	
147	College of Medicine – General Revenue	\$36,326,673	\$34,301,697	Senate
	Senate bill includes \$2,000,000 for Autism			
	Student & Other Fees Trust Fund	\$11,572,716	\$11,572,716	
143/154A	SUS Performance-based incentives	\$200,000,000 NR	\$75,000,000 R	Need Recurring \$
24	SUS Fixed Capital Outlay – Capital Improvement Fee Projects	\$41,123,760	\$31,123,760	Senate
25	SUS, FCO – Maintenance, Repair, Renovation & Remodel	\$27,649,378	\$34,004,164	House
26	PECO – Lab Schools	\$4,798,454	\$0	Senate
28	PECO			
	FSU – College of Engineering	\$10,000,000		
	FAMU/FSU College of Engineering		\$15,000,000	

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	FSU – EOAS building		\$30,000,000	
	SUS Critical Deferred Maintenance & Provision	\$1,000,000	\$60,147,116	Senate
75	Need-based Veteran Living Assistance (GAP)	\$396,525	\$500,000	House
102	Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources Center	\$1,056,231	\$450,000	House
107	Autism Program	\$1,000,000 R	\$1,578,492	Senate
112	Communications/ Autism Navigator	\$500,000 NR \$340,862	\$1,000,000 R	House
119	Florida Channel Closed Captioning	\$500,000	\$441,756	
2447	Florida Catastrophic Storm Risk Management Center		\$1,100,000	
2447A		\$1,000,000		

University Performance Funding Proviso Language

SB 2500

Specific Appropriation 143

From the \$100,000,000 for State University Performance Based Incentives in Specific Appropriation 143 from the General Revenue Fund, the Board of Governors shall allocate all of such funds solely among those state university institutions qualifying for new funding pursuant to the performance funding model approved by the board on January 16, 2014. Such funds shall be allocated among those universities as follows: (1) all universities eligible for new funding shall have their base funding restored; (2) then, all universities eligible for new funding shall receive a share of the funds remaining to be distributed based upon those individual universities' proportional share of the total funding provided from the General Revenue Fund for all institutions in Specific Appropriation 143; and (3) lastly, the remaining balance shall be allocated to the highest scoring institutions pursuant to the board's model.

HB 5001

Specific Appropriation 143

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 143 for State University Supplemental Funding, the Board of Governors shall allocate the \$75,000,000 to state university system institutions that qualify for new performance funding pursuant to the performance funding model approved by the board on January 6, 2014.

University Funding Bills

Four bills are moving that will affect university funding. Below is a side-by-side comparison of what's contained in each of these bills.

SB 1400	SB 1148	HB 851	HB 5101
Eliminates differential tuition.	Reduces differential tuition from 15% to 6%.	Reduces differential tuition from 15% to 6%.	Reduces differential tuition from 15% to 6%.
Allows a preeminent state university to establish and increase the tuition differential fee for undergraduate courses, not to exceed 6%.			
Clarifies the conditions that must be met before students, including but not limited to those who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes, may receive a waiver of out-of-state fees.		Clarifies the conditions that must be met before students, including but not limited to those who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes, may receive a waiver of out-of-state fees.	
Limits the amount to be paid to a university on behalf of a beneficiary of a prepaid contract.	Limits the amount to be paid to a university on behalf of a beneficiary of a prepaid contract.		Limits the amount to be paid to a university on behalf of a beneficiary of a prepaid contract.
	Requires the State Board of Education to deposit funds into the PECO Trust Fund in the event there is a shortage in funds from gross receipts tax revenues to make bond debt payments.		Requires the State Board of Education to deposit funds into the PECO Trust Fund in the event there is a shortage in funds from gross receipts tax revenues to make bond debt payments.
	Prohibits the SBE from approving Florida College System institution baccalaureate degree program proposals.		Prohibits the SBE from approving Florida College System institution baccalaureate degree program proposals.
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SESSION SCHEDULE

SENATE SESSION

WEDNESDAY, **APRIL 23**, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. | THURSDAY, **APRIL 24**, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
FRIDAY, **APRIL 25**, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

HOUSE SESSION

MONDAY, **APRIL 21**, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. | TUESDAY, **APRIL 22**, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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