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Colleagues and Friends:

At the July 10th meeting, the BOG took the following significant actions:

1. BOG voted to join the Graham law suit as a plaintiff.
2. BOG voted to freeze freshmen enrollment at the funded level for next three years beginning in 2008. Transfer students will be held harmless.
3. BOG approved up to 5% tuition increase effective Spring 2008 as long as universities can show at the next meeting that they have done everything possible to create efficiency in the system first. Presidents are expected to give an efficiency report at the next meeting.

You may go to the Provost's Home Page (<http://www.acad.usf.edu/>) to view a summary of all BOG approved actions taken at their July 10th meeting. Please also take time to review the updated list of ideas submitted by faculty and staff. There are some interesting ones on the list, including one on "exit courses" and one on two-week winter closing of the University. The new ones are at the end of the document so view them from the end. I am thankful to you for your ideas. The Budget and Finance Council are reviewing all of them for fiscal impact and my office is reviewing all of them for academic impact. I have invited the Faculty Senate to work with us on evaluating programs and services for centrality, quality and demand. By Thursday, we will send out concrete steps that departments need to take. Until that time, stay engaged with creative energy!

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