

Government Relations Update

Governance Committee Meeting
February 12, 2025



LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 10-14, 2025

Florida Legislative Committee and Special Session



FEBRUARY 17-21, 2025

Florida Legislative Committee Week



MARCH 4, 2025

Florida Legislative Session Begins



MARCH 25, 2025

FAMU Trustee Lobbying Day



APRIL 9, 2025

FAMU Day at the Capitol



MAY 2, 2025

Florida Legislative Session Adjourns



JUNE 11-12, 2025

FY 2026-2027 BOT LBR Review and Legislative Strategy Discussion

Strike, Strike, and Strike Again!



Governor's Recommended Budget

Funding for HBCUs

\$17 million for Bethune-Cookman University
\$7.5 million for Edward Waters University
\$7 million for Florida Memorial University

Education and General Operating Funds

\$115 million in Education and General (E&G) Operating funds for Florida A&M University

FAMU-FSU College of Engineering

\$21, 256, 475 to fuel research and student success in the Joint College of Engineering

State University System

\$100 million for the State University System for the recruitment and retention of highly qualified faculty

*Directly cited from the Governor's recommended budget announcement from February 3, 2025

Florida A&M University

FY 2025-26 Legislative Items of Focus

College of Law

Recruit and retain highly qualified law students and employ new faculty and student support staff, including legal writing instructors, teaching assistants, and administrative staff, to support law school students to succeed throughout their matriculation and bar examinations.

Non-recurring: \$15 million
Recurring: \$5 million

Security Hardening

Security hardening and enhancements of infrastructure, including hurricane shelter needs for state use. During the 2024 Hurricane Season, the Al Lawson Center served the region as a hurricane evacuations center and state shelter for evacuees.

Non-recurring: \$5 million
Recurring: \$500,000

Operational Enhancement

Foster an environment prioritizing faculty, staff, and employee retention through strategic recruitment and professional development. It emphasizes a compensation philosophy that ensures fair pay practices, incorporates annual cost-of-living adjustments, and supports continuous engagement, growth, and training by aligning with current industry trends.

Recurring: \$10 million



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*The request is not limited to these items since the approved LBR is requesting \$55.5 million. These are the tentative points of focus and subject to change. The end state is data driven appropriations. **This is a draft not including construction or deferred maintenance.**



Florida A&M University FY 2025-2026 Legislative Items of Focus

College of Agriculture & Foods Sciences (CAFS)

Boost Agriculture Research

Provide enhancements to and update laboratory and research equipment, spaces, and facilities while recruiting and retaining lab managers, researchers, and teaching assistants needed to assist in studies for Florida's vital and growing agricultural economy.

Recurring: \$5.5 million

BAERS Agricultural and Environmental Partnerships

Establish educational partnerships between our Brooksville Agricultural and Environmental Research Station (BAERS) with surrounding counties to enhance Florida's growing agriculture economy and natural resources.

Enhance Programs and Facilities

We will partner with the state colleges in the region to foster programs that focus on careers in agriculture. This encompasses upgrades to the Viticulture and Small Fruit Research Center and enhance programs and facilities in veterinary science, food sciences, and biological systems engineering.



2025 RATTLER CAUCUS

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Senator Rosalind Osgood | Tamarac

Senator Darryl Rouson | St. Petersburg

Senator Geraldine Thompson | Orlando

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Representative Fentrice Driskell | Tampa

Representative Gallop Franklin, II | Tallahassee

Representative Patt Maney | Ft. Lauderdale

Representative Chip LaMarca | Ft. Lauderdale

Legislative Leadership

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Bartow

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Lake Mary

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Miami

Florida House Speaker Pro Tempore



Wyman Duggan
Jacksonville

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- Agriculture | **Keith Truenow**
- Appropriations | **Ed Hooper**
- Agriculture Appropriations | **Jason Brodeur**
- Higher Education Appropriations | **Gayle Harrell**
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- Education Postsecondary | **Alexis Calatayud**
- Education Pre-K-12 | **Corey Simon**

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- Budget | **Lawrence McClure**
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- PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee | **Jenna Persons-Mulicka**
- Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee | **Michelle Salzman**
- Education & Employment Committee | **Jennifer Canady**

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Lobbying Efforts

Lobbying Team

Ballard Partners

Sunrise Consulting Group: Shawn Foster

We are working with our lobbyists on the new federal grant guidelines to be in alignment with the new administration and to prepare for future changes in the Department of Education

1. **Congressional Request: \$7 million a year to be requested through Congressman Neal Dunn as this will utilize FAMU research to create a materials-to-manufacturing DOD center for data-driven design, materials integration, and environmental performance testing to assist in capacity for the DOD/Army. This will support efforts of the ground force and hypersonic support arsenal with rapid fabrication capabilities.**
2. **DOD Consortium: \$150 million at \$15 million a year will support the ARMY DEVCOM/Chemical Biological Center with research HBCU's to tackle defense applications with FAMU as a research capacity incubator.**
3. **USDA Grants: The College of Agriculture and Food Sciences (CAFS) plans to develop the Brooksville site by utilizing resources from multiple agencies within the USDA, including Rural Development, Natural Resources and Conservation, and Forestry. The project is expected to involve an estimated investment of \$10 million.**

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Legislative Events

County Proclamation



Legislative Meetings



FAMU Cheer



DRS Senate Presentation



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Upcoming Legislative Events

SUS Fly In Days

The State University System (SUS) Fly-In to D.C., led by the Chancellor to provide for opportunities to meet with congressional members and bring the concerns and priorities of the state universities in Florida.

February 26-27, 2025

CARET/BAA Days On the Hill

The CARET and the APLU BAA Conference gathers delegates from CARET, Administrative Heads Section members, and stakeholders from across the BAA to engage, learn, and meet with Congress to communicate the priorities of the land-grant university system.

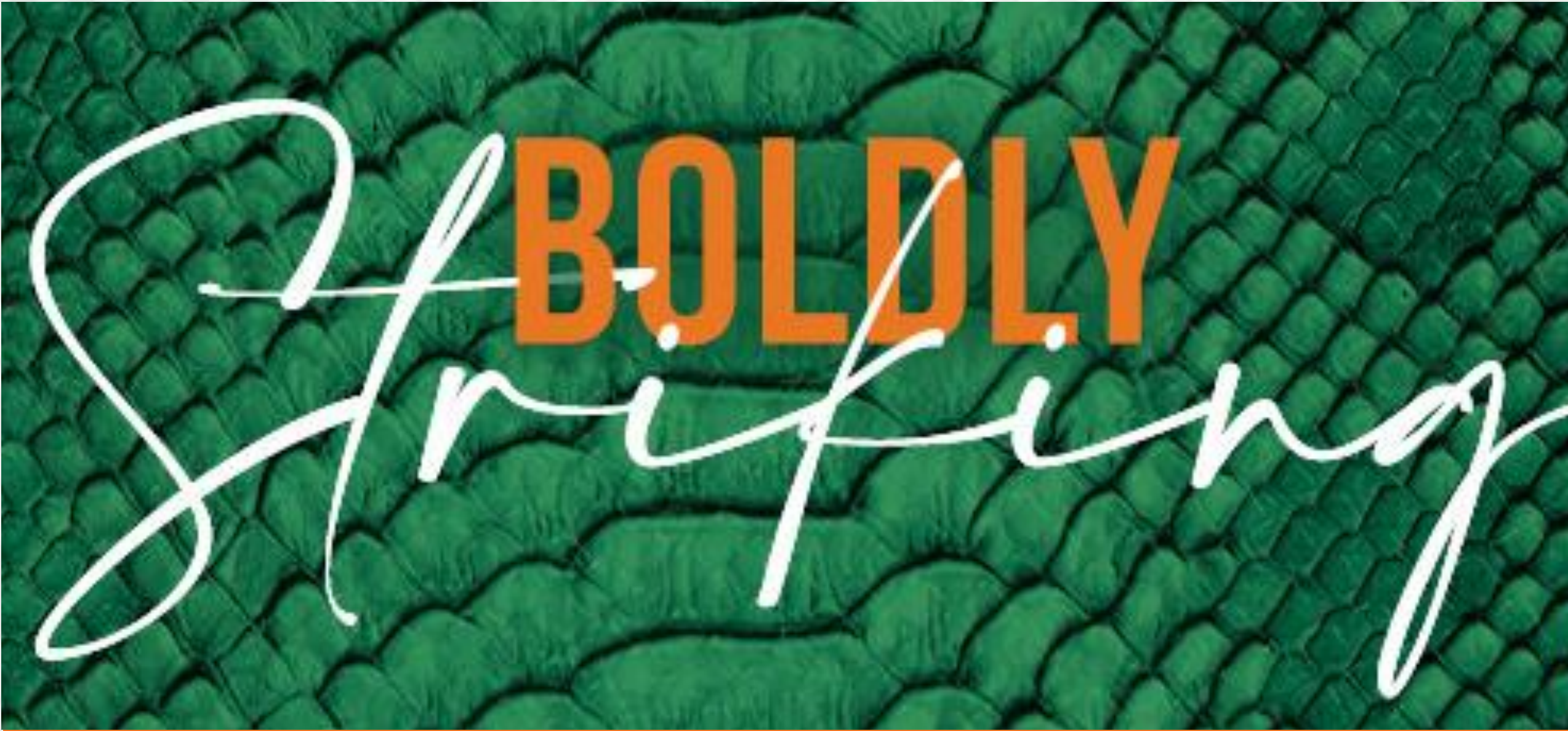
February 23-25, 2025

Senate Foodie Frolic

The CAFS will have an opportunity to participate in the Senate Foodie Frolic event, hosted by Senate President Albritton, to promote our food science research through a Center For Viticulture And Small Fruit Research showcase.

April 16, 2025





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