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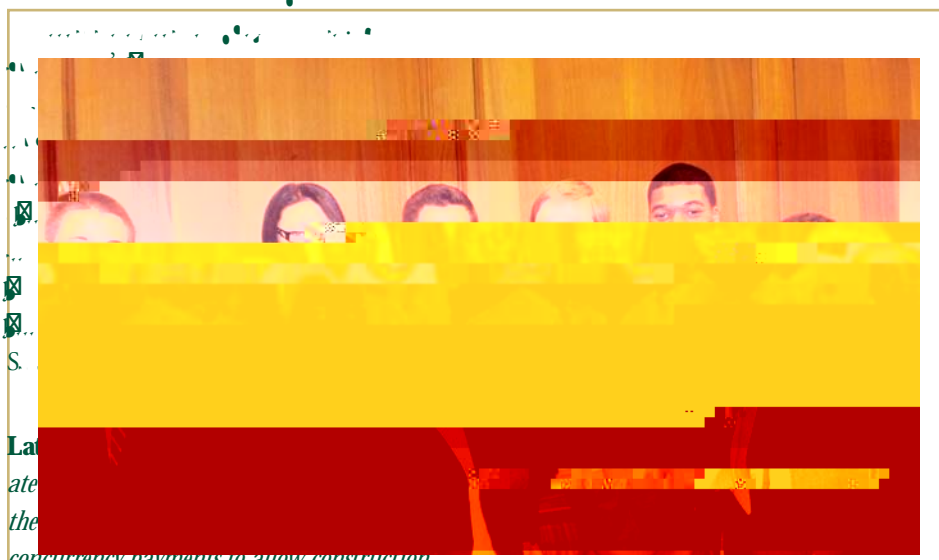
Today is Day 22 of the 60-day legislative session. The House and Senate are well underway in formulating their respective budget proposals. After each side has debated and passed their own spending plan, the leaders of each chamber will appoint a "Conference Committee" whose job is to negotiate a compromise between the two chambers' budgets. The compromise product from the Conference Committee will be the "General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2011-2012" or the official state budget for next year.

Currently, the Senate is proposing to spend roughly \$240 million more in higher education (including student tuition payments) than the House. The vast majority of this difference is in lower House proposed spending on State Universities, since universities constitute upwards of 60% of the state's overall higher education spending. However, there are elements of each chamber's initial spending plan and implementing provisions of each that will result in the best possible outcome for each of USF's institutions and campuses and to maximize our

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Summary:

USF is pleased to announce that the House and Senate have passed their respective budget proposals. The House and Senate have passed their respective budget proposals. The House and Senate have passed their respective budget proposals.



concurrency payments to allow construction on state university campuses to move forward

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Additional Senate committees before receiving a full Senate vote.

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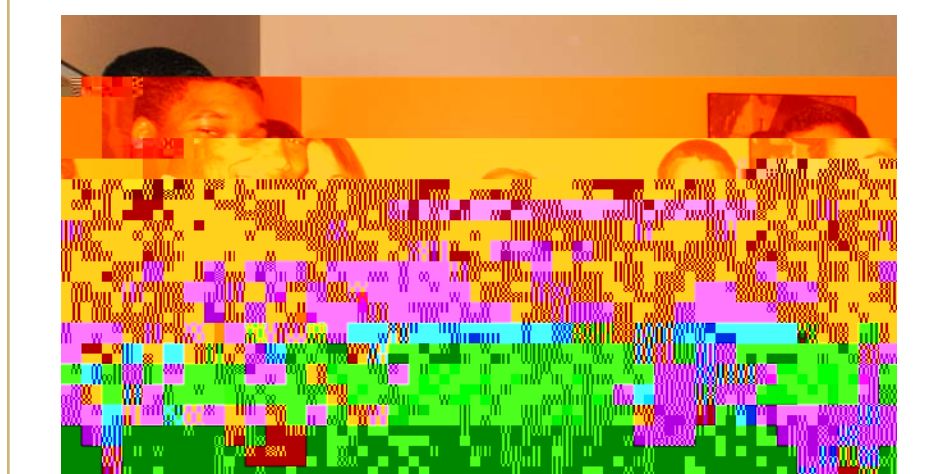
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LIP interns with proud Bulls supporter and USF graduate H. Lee Moffitt, former Speaker, Florida House of Representatives (center)



Interns had the privilege of spending time with Attorney General Pam Bondi (center) at the Capitol.

LINK TO SB 632: [http://www.flsenate.gov/legislation/bills/2011/sb632](#)

SB 234 BY SENATOR EVERS (R-BAKER) AND HB 517 BY REPRESENTATIVE DORWORTH (R-LAKE MARY) RE: FIREARMS

Summary: This bill amends the Florida Constitution to prohibit the carrying of a handgun on a university campus. The bill also amends the Florida Constitution to prohibit the carrying of a handgun on a university campus.

Latest Action: House Bill--On March 15th, the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee amended the bill to restore the current legal prohibition on bringing guns onto university campuses. The Senate Bill was similarly amended to restore this prohibition during an earlier meeting. Pending future amendments, this will be the last update provided on these bills as the current versions no longer have any effect on state universities.

LINK TO SB 234: [http://www.flsenate.gov/legislation/bills/2011/sb234](#)

HB 7151 BY THE HOUSE K-20 INNOVATION SUBCOMMITTEE, AND FUNDING. IT REQUIRES THE HECC'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED BY DECEMBER 31, 2011. (THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2012-2013 )SCAL YEAR, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A UNIFORM, PER-STUDENT BASE FUNDING AMOUNT FOR EACH MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLED AT A STATE UNIVERSITY. CURRENTLY, THE PER-STUDENT FUNDING AMOUNT VARIES GREATLY FROM INSTITUTION TO INSTITUTION.

Latest Action: Approved as a committee bill by the House K-20 Innovation Subcommittee on March 22nd and led as HB 7151 on March 24th.

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