

## The Florida House of Representatives

## **Appropriations Committee**

Richard Corcoran Speaker Carlos Trujillo Chair

January 3, 2017

Mr. Michael Morsberger Chief Executive Officer UCF Foundation, Inc. 12424 Research Parkway, Suite 250 Orlando, FL 32826

Dear Mr. Morsberger:

In order for the Florida House of Representatives to fulfill its obligations as fiscal stewards of public funds, I am requesting detailed information about the revenues and expenditures of the universities of Florida. Your foundation, as a direct support organization (DSO) of University of Central Florida, provides a portion of the operating budget for the university and possesses information which is integral to an understanding of the university total operating budget. So that we may better understand this fiscal relationship, please provide the following information regarding your organization in an electronic format that allows for the sorting and filtering of the data:

## Revenues for FY 2015-16 - Please provide the amount of funds:

- contributed by Alumni
- contributed by the community
- transferred/provided by the University to the foundation
- generated from interest or dividends
- contributed from rental income
- contributed through foundation programs

Additionally, please provide the amount and source of all other revenues.

## Details of Expenditure for FY 2015-16 - Please provide the amount expended on:

- student financial aid provided
- faculty salaries
- building maintenance and support
- construction of building or facilities
- athletics programs
- academic advisement/student support
- student housing

In addition, please provide a detailed list of all:

- travel expenditures including the names of travelers, location and event attended and total travel reimbursement for each trip
- lobbyists representing the organization and the amount of each lobbyist's compensation
- all foundation staff including their name, position, title and compensation

Please provide the amount and general nature of all other expenditures.

We appreciate your attention and cooperation with this request. Your input will be integral to determining whether our State Universities are utilizing taxpayer dollars to their highest and best use and where improvements can be made. Such public assurances represent necessary oversight intrinsic to good government and fiscal discipline. We know you agree that the taxpayer deserves the best value for their dollar.

Lastly, we recognize that your DSO has specific reporting requirements and that certain records of the DSO are confidential and exempt pursuant to Section 1004.28 or 1004.70 F.S. Pursuant to s. 11.143(2), the Legislature is entitled to obtain these records. Please provide the requested information by Noon, Monday, January 23, 2017; contact Tony Lloyd, Budget Chief of the House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee with any questions regarding the scope of this request.

Sincerely,

ala Tille

Representative Carlos Trujillo

Chairman