

USF St. Petersburg  
Campus Board of Trustees  
October 20, 2003

**Issue:** Program of Distinction – Environmental Science and Policy

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**Proposed Action:** Information Item Only

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**Background Information:**

In the fall of 2002 USF St. Petersburg recognized the need to refine our academic focus and shape a scholarly identity for USF St. Petersburg that would strengthen our profile as a complementary campus of a premier research university.

Faculty were invited to submit proposals for programs that would capitalize on our strengths and demonstrate the potential to achieve unprecedented recognition within the academic community and among prospective students in selected disciplines. After an extensive review process, four proposals were identified as Programs of Distinctions: Florida Studies, Environmental Science and Policy, Social Responsibility and Corporate Reporting, and Journalism and Media Studies. On February 24, 2003 the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board unanimously voted to approve and endorse the four Programs of Distinction.

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