Dear Friend of USF,

With the upcoming process drawing in as a key in the Legislative session (the Legislature has begun to reconvene tonight), USF is poised to make a strong showing on key initiatives. Our offices and predecessors have worked tirelessly over the past few years to prioritize these initiatives, and I am confident that we are well-positioned to achieve success in the session to come.

Before we turn our attention to the legislative session, let us look back on some highlights from 2011-12. With your support, we have been able to make significant progress on key initiatives:

- **Expansion of Bright Futures Scholarship to 2-year institutions**
  - Increased the number of students who can benefit from the Bright Futures Scholarship program
- **Degree Completion Pilot Program**
  - Provided opportunities for students to complete their degrees in shorter time frames
- **Citizen’s Clearinghouse of Online Courses**
  - Increased accessibility to online courses for students
- **Increased Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) fees**
  - Provided additional revenue for USF
- **Increase in state funding for higher education**
  - Increased state funding for the University System and the Florida College System
- **Tuition Increases**
  - Increased tuition rates for students

As we look forward to the upcoming legislative session, we will continue to advocate for these priorities and many others that are critical to the future of USF. We will keep you updated on the full budget process as it unfolds further.

In the meantime, please join us in supporting the efforts of the USF Advocacy Office. Your engagement is critical to the success of our initiatives. Thank you for your continued support of USF.

Sincerely,

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