

Differential Undergraduate Tuition Recommendation for the Board's Consideration

Background:

At the May 8 Board meeting action was taken to allow universities meeting funding Level I or II definitions outlined in section 1004.635(3), Florida Statutes to implement a differential undergraduate tuition up to \$6.96 per student credit hour.

House Bill 745 signed by the Governor on May 17 deletes the language regarding Level II universities and replaces it with '...universities that have total research and development expenditures for all fields of at least \$100 million per year...'. Based on the Governor's action it is recommended that the May differential tuition action be modified as follows:

Proposed Action:

1. University Boards of Trustees that meet Funding Level I ~~or Level II~~ definitions outlined in section 1004.635(3), Florida Statutes, or have at least \$100 million in total research and development expenditures per year as reported to the National Science Foundation may implement a differential undergraduate tuition as follows:
 - a. Funding Level I institutions may implement a differential undergraduate tuition that does not exceed 40 percent of base tuition. The combination of a base tuition increase and a differential tuition increase may not be increased by more than 15 percent annually. The maximum differential tuition for fall 2008 shall not exceed \$6.96 per student credit hour above the \$82.03 maximum base tuition.
 - b. ~~Funding Level II~~ institutions with at least \$100 million in total research and development expenditures may implement a differential undergraduate tuition that does not exceed 30 percent of base tuition. The combination of a base tuition increase and a differential tuition increase may not be increased by more than 15 percent annually. The maximum differential tuition for fall 2008 shall not exceed \$6.96 per student credit hour above the \$82.03 maximum base tuition.
 - c. The following categories of students are exempt from any differential tuition: students who were in attendance at a university as of July 1, 2007 and who have maintained continuous enrollment, and students who are beneficiaries of prepaid tuition contracts that were in effect on July 1, 2007.