

FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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SUBJECT: State University System Tuition and Fees

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For discussion.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

N/A.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

According to a College Board report, tuition and fees at four-year public institutions increased more than 9% in 2002-2003. At the same time, tuition in Florida's public universities increased 5% across the board for in-state students and 10% across the board for out-of-state students. In 2002-2003 state universities in Florida still ranked 49th nationally in resident undergraduate tuition. For out-of-state tuition the state ranks closer to the national average.

Section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, states "Within proviso in the General Appropriations Act and law, each board of trustees shall set university tuition and fees." For 2003-2004 the Legislature increased tuition 8.5% across all levels and gave the boards of trustees the discretion to increase tuition up to an additional 6.5% for all levels except in-state undergraduate.

Section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, also establishes various other local fees.

Supporting Documentation Included: 1) Florida Tuition Increases over the last six years; 2) 2002-2003 State Ranking of Tuition; 3) Statutory Authority for tuition and fees

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