

**FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
July 23, 2003**

**SUBJECT:** Tuition Policy

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Tuition at the state universities, and universities across the country, has increased significantly over the last several years. However, state universities still rank 49th nationally in resident undergraduate tuition.

As part of the Legislative Budget Request, a recommendation is made for increasing tuition. The Legislature, in the General Appropriations Act, authorizes tuition increases. For the past two years, the Legislature has authorized both a mandated percent increase plus an additional discretionary increase.

It has been a goal of the State University System and a recommendation by the Higher Education Funding Committee to get to the national average within ten years.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Tuition Increases over the last 6 years, National Comparisons.

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