

**To:** Governor Ava Parker, Chair  
Florida Board of Governors

**From:** Judy Genshaft, President  
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**Subject:** Response to Chair Parker's questions regarding USF's Work Plan Presentation

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**Question 1:** Why does the USF System's total proposed Tuition & Fees increase for AY 2010/11, vary so much by campus?

Total proposed tuition and fees (2010-11) for the SUS:

		<b>2010-11</b>
1	FSU	\$ 5,237.80
2	USF Tampa	\$ 5,198.00
3	FIU	\$ 5,091.38
4	UF	\$ 5,044.50
5	UCF	\$ 5,020.50
6	FAU	\$ 4,924.10
	<b>SUS AVG</b>	<b>\$ 4,914.43</b>
7	FGCU	\$ 4,889.70
8	UWF	\$ 4,793.70
9	UNF	\$ 4,765.20
10	FAMU	\$ 4,625.30
11	USF Sarasota-Manatee	\$ 4,547.20
12	USF St. Petersburg	\$ 4,547.20
13	USF Polytechnic	\$ 4,487.20
14	NCF	\$ 4,469.70

The percentage change in tuition and fees are primarily the result of an increase in local fees.

Local fee (A&S, Health, and Athletics) increases, approved by the USF BOT, were at the direct request from USF students at each campus. The Florida Legislature (H.B. 5201) provided the BOT with the authority to exceed the annual fee cap (for one year only) to increase local fees to the statewide average (\$28.45/credit hour). These student fees cannot be used for academic enhancements and must be used for specific student initiatives and services.

<b>Local Fees (A&amp;S, Health, Athletics) (x 30 SCH)</b>					
	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Increase from local fees only, per 30 SCH</b>	<b>% local fees of total tuition &amp; fee increases, per 30 SCH</b>
USF Tampa	\$29.67	\$34.31	\$4.64	\$139.20	22%
USF St. Petersburg	\$13.25	\$28.45	\$15.20	\$456.00	52%
USF Sarasota-Manatee	\$13.92	\$28.45	\$14.53	\$435.90	48%
USF Polytechnic	\$8.27	\$28.45	\$20.18	\$605.40	61%
*Approved for Fall 2010 implementation by USF BOT 6/15/10					

The history of lower fees on regional campuses is because athletics, health and student activity needs were minimal. As each campus grows and matures, the students have requested more student life programming. This results in higher local fees.

<b>Tuition Differential by Campus</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>Increase</b>
USF Tampa (year 3)	\$13.74	\$22.00	\$8.26
USF St. Petersburg (year 2)	\$5.74	\$12.80	\$7.06
USF Sarasota-Manatee (year 2)	\$5.74	\$12.80	\$7.06
USF Polytechnic (year 2)	\$5.74	\$12.80	\$7.06
*Recommendation to BOG, approved by USF BOT 6/15/10			

Differential tuition fee revenues are essential to continue funding a multiyear plan to:

- Provide more need-based financial aid
- Improve student to faculty ratio
- Improve student to advisor ratio
- Offer more undergraduate classes to reduce time to graduation

**Question 2:** What is the breakdown across the USF System, of freshmen resident (FL) students who receive Bright Futures Scholarships?

93% of freshmen resident (FL) students enrolled across the USF System in Fall 2009 received Bright Futures Scholarships.

At this time freshmen admissions/enrollment is limited to USF Tampa and USF St. Petersburg. For accountability, efficiency, and risk management, the USF BOT required a single Financial Aid Office for the USF System. All financial aid is disbursed from the USF System Financial Aid Office.

Similar to other Florida top tier public national "Research 1" universities, the proportion of Bright Futures recipients was high on the Tampa campus (94%), in Fall 2009. Although the proportion of Bright Futures recipients at USF St. Petersburg (37%) was lower, it compares well with that found at regional teaching universities across the SUS.

In academic year 2009-2010, the USF System Financial Aid Office disbursed \$178 million in need-based financial aid to all campuses (\$163 million in federal; \$8 million in state; and \$7 million in institutional funds which includes private giving).

**Question 3:** How will the Global Experience Fee benefit all students?

The proposed Global Experience Fee is a \$10 total per student/semester flat fee (not per credit hour). At \$20 per academic year (30 SCH), it represents less than 0.5% of the total cost of tuition and fees.

The projected \$920,000 in new fee revenue will be allocated as follows:

\$800,000 will help fund education abroad/global experience scholarships and will be supplemented by private *USF Passport Scholarships* based on documented student financial need.

\$120,000 will "bring the World to USF" to benefit all students, by supporting an international lecture series, the *USF Global Academic Partners (GAP)* initiative, and strengthening international curriculum development.

This fee proposal was recommended by a 2005 Study Abroad Student Association survey of USF students, resulting in 83.3% of student respondents supporting a semester global experience fee. Subsequently, a 2009 *USF World Task Force* (which included students, faculty, and staff) recommended implementation of a Global Experience Fee. The fee was unanimously approved by the USF BOT on June 15, 2010, for recommendation to the BOG.