# STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

# **Budget and Finance Committee**

June 20, 2013

**SUBJECT:** 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Fee

## PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and take action on universities' request to increase the capital improvement fee effective with the fall 2013 semester.

### **AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution and Board Regulation 7.003

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Pursuant to Regulation 7.003 (16) university boards of trustees may submit capital improvement fee increase proposals for consideration by the Board. The fee cannot exceed 10 percent of tuition for resident students or 10 percent of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fees for non-resident students. The fee for resident students is limited to an increase of \$2 per credit hour over the prior year. The regulation also requires a fee committee to meet and make recommendations with regards to the amount of the proposed increase and project selection.

The fee, paid by students, is remitted to the state by each university on a monthly basis. The proceeds are used to 1) satisfy annual debt service requirements, 2) subsidize costs at university child development centers in accordance with law and 3) support those facilities recommended by the students. Historically, CITF has been the primary and in many cases only source of funding for student life facilities, such as student unions, recreation centers and wellness/fitness spaces.

The Florida College System has a parallel program, with a weighted mean per credit hour charge of \$8.72 for fall 2012. (See Attachment II) The requested fee increases, if approved for fall 2013, would still be lower than the fees charged last year for all but a few Florida Colleges.

The following institutions have requested increases to the CITF fee, as follows:

	<b>Current Per Credit</b>	Proposed Increase	Total Per Credit
	Hour Fee	Per Credit Hour	Hour
USF	\$ 6.76	\$ 1.24	\$ 8.00
NCF	\$ 6.14	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.14
USF/SP	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
FAMU	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
FAU	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
FIU	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
FGCU	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
UCF	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
UNF	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
UWF	\$ 6.76	\$ 2.00	\$ 8.76
*FPU	\$ 4.76		\$ 4.76
*FSU	\$ 4.76		\$ 4.76
*UF	\$ 6.76		\$ 6.76
*USF Sarasota	\$ 6.76		\$ 6.76

<sup>\*</sup>FPU, FSU, UF and USF Sarasota are not requesting CITF increases.

Estimated revenue available for the 2014-2015 legislative budget request:

•	\$ 35 M	No fee increase, no bonding
•	\$ 48 M	Fee increase as requested, no bonding
•	\$200 M	No fee increase, maximum bonding
•	\$300 M	Fee increase as requested, plus bonding

Although the revenue from the CITF fee is not state dollars, the requested amount must be appropriated by the Legislature and approved by the Governor. Final calculations can be made once work plan enrollment projections are approved, 2012-13 remittances are complete and fall 2013 CITF fees are established. The maximum amount available from both cash and bonds will be provided to the Facilities Committee at the September Board meeting.

**Supporting Documentation Included:** 1. Florida College System Fees

2. CIFT Summary

3. University CITF Increase Requests

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