

STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 21, 2016

SUBJECT: Graduate Tuition for the Master in Physician Assistant Studies, Florida Gulf Coast University

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Consider approval of Graduate Tuition for the Master in Physician Assistant Studies, Florida Gulf Coast University

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Subsequent to amendments to Section 1009.24, Florida Statutes in the 2016 Legislative Session, the Board of Governors must now approve tuition for graduate and professional programs. The Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) is requesting the approval of graduate-level tuition for its Master of Physician Assistant Studies program approved by the university board on April 19, 2016. The program will provide students with entry-level education to become physician assistants and requires the completion 90 credit hours, which include 40 credit hours of intense clinical rotations. Programs that require the completion of extensive clinical rotations are much more expensive to offer and for this reason the university is requesting approval for an increased graduate-level tuition.

The proposed tuition for in-state students in the FGCU Master of Physician Assistant Studies program is:

Florida Resident - \$26,430.00 Year One and \$21,144.00 Year Two (\$47,574.00 Total)
Non-Resident - \$70,586.50 Year One and \$56,469.20 Year Two (\$127,055.70 Total)

The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees approved the higher level of tuition for the program on September 13, 2016. If approved, the tuition rate will become effective in Summer 2017 for the first cohort of students.

Supporting Documentation Included: Amended FGCU Tuition and Fee Regulation

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