

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

June 13, 2019

SUBJECT: Florida International University (FIU) Aquatic Center Repairs and Renovation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Authorize the reimbursement of up to \$2,000,000 in Activity and Service (A&S) fee funds; expended for repairs to FIU's Aquatic Center, from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) fees allocation and corresponding reduction of the same amount in CITF fees previously approved for the Graham University Center expansion, and amend the Board's prior approval of the CITF Project List on June 27, 2018, to include Aquatic Center Repairs and Renovation for FIU.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution and Section 1009.24, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 18, 2019, the FIU Board of Trustees approved a proposal for up to \$2,000,000 in repairs to the Aquatic Center at the Biscayne Bay Campus (BBC) utilizing unexpended A&S fee funds. The Board of Trustees also recommended a request to the Board of Governors (Board) authorizing reimbursement of the A&S funds from FIU's Capital Improvement Trust Fund (CITF) fees allocation and a reduction of the same amount in CITF fees previously approved for the Graham University Center expansion.

The Aquatic Center at BBC is home to FIU's Swimming and Diving team and provides recreational needs to almost 250,000 students and community members. Operating costs of the Aquatic Center are paid by A&S fee funds and fees paid by non-students.

The Aquatic Center is approximately 35 years old, with the last renovation occurring in 2009. A recent structural and safety review identified over \$1,600,000 in needed repairs to correct structural deficiencies, water intrusion issues, and critical deferred maintenance. Additional funding authorization of approximately \$400,000 provides a contingency for unforeseen conditions that may be uncovered once the project gets underway. The repairs are projected to take six months to complete. In order to have the Aquatic Center ready for the first 2019-20 swim meet on September 26, 2019, the project needs to begin as quickly as possible. The temporary utilization of unexpended A&S fee funds accommodates the expedited timeline and subsequent reimbursement

by CITF fees requires Board authorization; Board approval is required for all CITF projects. The Board originally approved the CITF Project List on June 27, 2018, which included, for FIU, only the Graham University Center expansion.

In accordance with BOG Regulation 7.003(16), FIU has consulted with the FIU Student Government Association on the utilization of CITF funds to complete the Aquatic Center repairs.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located in the Facilities Committee materials.