

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
September 22, 2016**

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

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**PROPOSED BOARD 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 their 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.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

Information located in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials