# STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 22, 2023

#### **SUBJECT:** Out-of-State Fee

#### PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

The Committee will consider allowing universities to increase the out-of-state fee up to 15 percent.

## AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Section 1009.24(4)(b) Florida Statute; Board Regulation 7.001

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida Statute authorizes the Board of Governors to establish tuition for graduate and professional programs and out-of-state fees for all programs. In addition to the basic tuition, out-of-state students are charged an out-of-state fee. Thus, the tuition and out-of-state fee encompasses the full amount needed to provide instruction to the student. Changes to tuition or the out-of-state fee may not exceed 15 percent in any year.

Board of Governors Regulation 7.001 outlines the process to consider tuition or out-ofstate fee increases.

The attached Tuition and Out-of-State Fee Overview document includes various information on tuition and fees, including revenue projections if the fee is increased five, ten or 15 percent. The out-of-state fee (hereafter fee) has not been increased in more than a decade, with some universities not increasing the fee in about 20 years. During this time, Florida's undergraduate out-of-state tuition/fee has fallen well below the national average. During this time, out-of-state enrollments, for both undergraduates and graduates, have risen dramatically as students take advantage of Florida's low cost while attending the number one higher education system in the country.

It is recommended that universities be allowed to increase the fee for undergraduates, graduates, and professional programs up to 15 percent if the university scored at least 70 points on the 2023 performance-based funding model. Universities scoring less than 70 points may increase the fee up to 10 percent.

#### Supporting Documentation Included:

Information located in the Budget & Finance Committee Materials