

**Florida Polytechnic University  
Board of Trustees  
May 22, 2026**

**Subject: Out-of-State Fee Increase**

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**Proposed Board Action**

Consider approval of and authorization for the increase of all out-of-state fees by 15%.

**Background Information**

**1. Why is this issue before the Board of Trustees?**

As stated in this excerpt from the [minutes of the June 18, 2025 Board of Governors meeting](#), Florida Polytechnic University was declared to be out of compliance with Florida Statute 1009.24(4)(b):

*Nine of the universities are meeting that law, three are not and have not, thus making them in violation of the statute. [...] They are FAMU, New College, and Florida Poly. [...] Florida Poly is 17% undercharging [out-of-] state students.*

**2. What is the statutory requirement?**

Florida Statute [1009.24\(4\)\(b\)](#):

*The Board of Governors may establish tuition for graduate and professional programs and out-of-state fees for all programs. Except as otherwise provided in this section, **the sum of tuition and out-of-state fees assessed to nonresident students must be sufficient to offset the full instructional cost of serving such students.***

**3. What are the current tuition and out-of-state fees assessed to nonresident students?**

Florida Poly currently charges the following tuition and out-of-state fees per credit hour:

	Tuition	OOS fee	Tuition + OOS fee	Total: Tuition & all fees
Undergraduate	\$105.07	<b>\$510.00</b>	<b>\$615.07</b>	\$700.15
Graduate	\$385.00	<b>\$608.00</b>	<b>\$993.00</b>	\$1,110.98
		<b>(what we can raise)</b>	<b>(must offset cost)</b>	

To meet statutory requirements, then, our full instructional costs must be less than:  
 \$615.07 per credit hour for undergraduate students  
 \$993.00 per credit hour for graduate students

#### 4. What are our full instructional costs? How are they calculated?

Instructional costs include direct and indirect costs:

Direct: academic instruction & research (institutes/centers, infrastructure support organizations)

Indirect: academic support (academic administration, advising, financial aid, library)  
 auxiliaries (food/housing, printing/copying/postal/telecommunications, athletics, parking)  
 institutional support (general administration)  
 plant operations & maintenance (physical plant, utilities, maintenance, custodial services)  
 student services (student services administration, events/organizations, club sports)

For the 2023-24 academic year – the year referenced in that 2025 BOG meeting – Florida Poly was indeed undercharging out-of-state students by 17%. In other words, the tuition and out-of-state fee charged to nonresident students (\$615.07) would need to increase 17% (\$85.81) to cover the full cost of instruction (\$700.88 per credit hour):

<b>Undergraduate Program</b>	2023-24
(a) Headcount enrollment (Fall)	1,496
(b) Fundable student credit hours	42,144
(c) Full cost of instruction	\$29,538,022
(d) Full cost of instruction per student credit hour = (c) / (b)	\$700.88
(e) Nonresident tuition and OOS fee rate	\$615.07
<b>Nonresident tuition over/(under) full instructional cost = (e) – (d)</b>	<b>(\$85.81)</b>
<b>% change to current OOS fee needed to offset full instructional cost</b>	<b>+16.8%</b>

For that same 2023-24 academic year, Florida Poly was undercharging nonresident students by 29%:

<b>Graduate Program</b>	2023-24
(a) Headcount enrollment (Fall)	48
(b) Fundable student credit hours	920
(c) Full cost of instruction	\$1,074,940
(d) Full cost of instruction per student credit hour = (c) / (b)	\$1,168.41
(e) Nonresident tuition and OOS fee rate	\$993.00
<b>Nonresident tuition over/(under) full instructional cost = (e) – (d)</b>	<b>(\$175.41)</b>
<b>% change to current OOS fee needed to offset full instructional cost</b>	<b>+28.9%</b>

#### 5. How do things look for 2026-27? Does our increased enrollment (which lowers our cost per student) offset increases in our instructional expenditures? Do we need to increase out-of-state fees to offset the full instructional cost for nonresident students?

Since 2023-24, two factors have influenced the full instructional cost per student:

- (1) Significant enrollment growth (which lowers the cost per student)
- (2) Increases to our operational expenses (which increases our full instructional cost)

While our enrollment growth has outpaced the increase in our operational expenditures, our current out-of-state fee still puts us out of compliance with Florida Statute 1009.24(4)(b). We need to increase our out-of-state fee.

<b>2026-27 Projection</b>	Undergraduate	Graduate
(a) Headcount enrollment (Fall)	2,060	140
(b) Fundable student credit hours	59,400	2753
(c) Full cost of instruction	\$38,600,000	\$3,000,000
(d) Full cost of instruction per student credit hour = (c) / (b)	\$649.83	\$1,089.72
(e) Nonresident tuition and OOS fee rate	\$615.07	\$993.00
<b>Nonresident tuition over/(under) full instructional cost = (e) – (d)</b>	<b>(\$34.76)</b>	<b>(\$96.72)</b>
<b>% change to current OOS fee needed to offset full instructional cost</b>	<b>+6.8%</b>	<b>+15.9%</b>

Assuming a headcount enrollment of 2,200 students (as established in our 2026 Accountability Plan) and no increase in our cost of instruction, we would meet statutory requirements by:

- Increasing the undergraduate out-of-state fee by **6.8%** (\$34.76 per credit hour)
- Increasing the graduate out-of-state fee by **15.9%** (\$96.72 per credit hour)

#### 6. Are we able to increase the graduate out-of-state fee by 15.9%?

No. As stated in these excerpts from the [minutes of the June 18, 2025 Board of Governors meeting](#), we are only allowed to increase the out-of-state fee by 15% in any year:

- *Per statute, changes to tuition or the out-of-state fee may not exceed 15% in any year.*
- Motion approved: ... *universities be allowed to forego the current proposal process in BOG Regulation 7.001(6)(a) and by virtue of this motion, be permitted a two-phase increase of the out-of-state fee for undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs including the following conditions: that for students enrolled for fall 2025, out of state fee can be increased by up to 10%, for 2026 out of state fee can be increased by up to 15% and if institutions increase the amount of out-of-state students, they must also maintain the same percentage of admitted in-state students as it presently is in fall 2024.*

#### 7. What is the administration’s recommendation?

We recommend the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees approve and authorize:

- (a) a 15.0% (\$91.20 per credit hour) increase in the graduate out-of-state fee
- (b) at least a 6.8% (\$34.76) increase – and no more than a 15.0% (\$76.50) increase – in the undergraduate out-of-state fee

With our current enrollment projections, this 15% increase to our graduate out-of-state fee should meet statutory requirements by 2027-28.

For our undergraduate program, note that a 6.8% increase *just barely* puts us into compliance in 2026-27. If enrollment growth slows – or if instructional costs increase beyond our projections – then we would once again be out of compliance. We do not know when we would have our next opportunity to increase our out-of-state fee. For that reason, it may be better to increase the out-of-state fee beyond 6.8%.

**8. What impact will an increase to the out-of-state fee have on our students?**

**We recommend the Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees approve the out-of-state fee increases to apply only to students admitted after Fall 2026.**

This means all current out-of-state students would experience no increase in their out-of-state fees (as long as they do not leave Florida Poly and apply for readmission).

It would also mean the out-of-state fee increase would not apply to students admitted into Fall 2026.

Nonresident students admitted after Fall 2026 would pay the increased out-of-state fee. For our 30-credit hour master’s degree programs, this means the total sticker price for the degree would increase by \$2,736. For our 120-credit hour bachelor’s degree programs, every 1% increase in the out-of-state fee would increase the total sticker price by \$612. Thus, a 6.8% increase in the undergraduate out-of-state fee would increase the total sticker price by \$4,171. A full 15% increase in the undergraduate out-of-state fee would increase the total sticker price by \$9,180.

With our current enrollment growth trajectory – and with the value we provide students through financial aid, our educational experience, and post-graduation outcomes – we believe an increase to our out-of-state fee of up to 15% will not negatively impact our enrollment goals.

**9. What have the other SUS institutions proposed?**

The following table summarizes the out-of-state fee increases proposed by the other SUS universities in 2025-26 and 2026-27:

	2025-26 increase	2026-27 increase
FGCU	0%	0%
UNF		
*FAMU		
FAU	0%	15%
*NCF		
UWF		
UCF	10%	0%
FIU		
FSU	10%	15%
UF		
USF		
*Florida Poly	0%	UG: __% GR: __%

\* = out of compliance in 2023-24

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**Supporting Documentation:** N/A

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