

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
April 17, 2012**

SUBJECT: Regulation 7.003 – Fees, Fines & Penalties

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve public notice of intent to amend Regulation 7.003

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution and Board Regulation Development Procedure

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This regulation has been amended to codify actions taken by the Board during the March meeting and proposed statutory changes made by the 2012 Legislature.

1. In March the Board approved the creation of a bar preparation fee at Florida A&M University and a green fee at the University of West Florida. These actions have been added to paragraph 25 of the regulation.
2. House Bill 5201 was passed by the legislature and assuming approval by the Governor the following changes are being incorporated into the regulation:
 - a. Elimination of the building fee is reflected in paragraph 16.
 - b. Increase the capital improvement fee from \$2.44 to \$4.76. The fee may be increased \$2 per credit hour over the prior year, as long as the total fee does not exceed 10 percent of tuition for resident students or 10 percent of tuition and out-of-state fee for nonresident students. Any increases in the fee must be established by a fee committee. See paragraph 17.
 - c. The excess hour fee (paragraph 22) has been modified for students entering the system in 2012-2013. These students shall pay a fee equal to 100 percent of tuition for each credit hour in excess of 115 percent.
 - d. The transient student fee (paragraph 15) has been modified to delete the reference to distance learning courses and correct the statutory reference.

If House Bill 5201 is vetoed by the Governor changes to the regulation made pursuant to this bill will be struck.

The proposed changes were shared with university representatives. Final approval will be presented to the Board at the June, 2012 meeting.

The capital improvement fee has not changed since 1988. Modifications to this statutorily capped fee have been on previous Board's legislative agenda. Although not on the Board's legislative agenda for the 2012 session, this was a priority of the Florida Student Government Association.

It is anticipated that universities will submit requests to increase their capital improvement fee for fall 2012 with consideration by the Board at the June meeting.

Supporting Documentation Included: Amended Regulation 7.003 - Fees, Fines & Penalties

Facilitators/Presenters: Governor Tico Perez