

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
March 22, 2012**

SUBJECT: University Fee Proposals

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

The Board will consider recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee on university fee proposals.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Subsection 7, Florida Constitution; Board Regulation 7.003

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Board and the universities worked during the summer and fall of 2010 to develop regulations for the review and implementation of university fee and flexible tuition proposals. The Board's work resulted in the revision of Regulation 7.003.

In the Spring of 2011 the Board reviewed numerous fee proposals and ultimately approved three new university fees and one increase to an existing fee that was capped in statute. The Board then clarified Regulation 7.003 to provide universities with more guidance on the types of new fees that would be considered. Specifically the following new guidance was included in the regulation:

- The fee cannot be an extension of, or cover the same services, as an existing statutory fee.
- The fee cannot be utilized to create additional bonding capacity in an existing fee.
- The fee cannot be used to support services or activities that have been paid for with education and general funds.
- The fee should support a service or activity in which a majority of students is able to participate or from which derive a benefit.

For new fees effective with the Fall 2012 term, university proposals were submitted on January 17. Five universities are requesting a new fee(s) and one university is requesting an increase to an existing fee that has a statutory cap.

Universities have submitted the following fees for consideration:

- a. Florida A&M University
 - i. Bar Review Preparation Fee
 - ii. Physical Therapy Preparation Fee
- b. University of West Florida
 - i. Green Fee
 - ii. Nautilus Card Fee (increase to an existing fee)
- c. University of North Florida
 - i. Academic Enhancement Fee
- d. University of South Florida
 - i. Academic Enrichment and Opportunity Fee
- e. University of Florida
 - i. Undergraduate Enhancement Fee

Included in the backup material is a summary of fee proposal submissions, a copy of Regulation 7.003, each university fee proposal, and the 2010-11 Annual Accountability Report.

Supporting Documentation Included: Information located behind the Budget and Finance Committee tab