

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
June 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Regulation 7.003 – Fees, Fines & Penalties

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approve amended Regulation 7.003.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This regulation was amended to codify several actions taken by the Board during the March meeting and statutory changes made by the 2011 Legislature.

1. In March the Board approved the creation of several new university fees and an increase to the orientation fee at the University of West Florida. These actions have been added to the regulation.
2. During the Budget and Finance Committee deliberations in February and the full Board discussion in March, members expressed that additional criteria be included in the fee regulation that would guide the universities in the development of new fees that are submitted for Board consideration. To that end, the following criteria has been included:
 - a. The fee cannot be an extension of, or cover the same services, as an existing statutory fee;
 - b. The fee cannot be utilized to create additional bonding capacity in an existing fee;
 - c. The fee cannot be used to support services or activities that have been paid for with education and general funds; and
 - d. The fee should support a service or activity in which a majority of students is able to participate or from which derive a benefit.
3. Senate Bill 2150 authorized a transient student fee not to exceed \$5.00 per distance learning course for accepting a transient student and processing the student's admissions application.

4. Senate Bill 2150 modified the existing excess hour fee. All undergraduate students entering for the first time in fall 2011 shall pay an excess hour fee equal to 100 percent (was 50 percent) of the undergraduate tuition in excess of 115 percent (was 120 percent) of the number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree.

Pursuant to the Board of Governors Regulation Development Procedure, Regulation 7.003 was posted on the Board's Web site for public comment after consideration of the proposed regulation by the Board at its meeting on June 23, 2011. The comment period has expired with no public comments submitted.