

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Budget and Finance Committee
June 21, 2012**

SUBJECT: Fall 2012 Tuition Differential Fee Proposals

PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION

Review and take action on universities' request to implement a tuition differential fee increase of no more than 15 percent effective with the fall 2012 semester.

AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution and Regulation 7.001

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pursuant to Regulation 7.001 (14) university boards of trustees may submit tuition differential fee proposals to this committee for consideration. The aggregate sum of base tuition and the tuition differential fee cannot exceed 15 percent of the total charged for these in the preceding fiscal year. The 2012 General Appropriations Act (HB 5001) did not increase the base undergraduate tuition. Thus, university Boards of Trustees can request a tuition differential fee increase up to 15 percent.

The Committee will need to take action on two issues:

1. Tuition differential proposals - Ten universities have submitted a request to implement a tuition differential fee increase of 15 percent effective with the fall 2012 semester. University boards will have made final votes for a tuition differential increase prior to the Committee meeting on June 21. The UF administration has not submitted a proposed tuition differential increase to their Board of Trustees at this time, but will be discussing an increase with their Board on June 8.
2. Waiver of tuition differential uses - Pursuant to House Bill 7135, "The Board of Governors may consider waiving its regulations and may waive or modify the tuition differential use requirements under s. 1009.24(16)(a)."

Only the UF has requested that the Board waive the requirement to use 30% of tuition differential revenue for need-based financial aid. Through 2010-11, the university has consistently used other private sources to meet this requirement. However, with continued reductions in state funds and additional student need, a portion of the 2011-12 tuition differential revenue is being used to meet the need-based financial aid requirement.

The Committee will make a recommendation to the full Board on each university's tuition differential proposal and UF's request to waive the 30 percent need-based financial aid requirement. If the Board would deny any proposal, the Board of Trustees may file an appeal by June 26 with the Tuition Appeals Committee pursuant to Regulation 7.001(14)(e). The Tuition Appeals Committee would meet by July 2 to consider a Board of Trustees' appeal.

Supporting Documentation Included:

1. Tuition differential requests located within the university work plans
2. Regulation 7.001 metrics summary
3. 2011-12 Summary tuition differential
4. 2012-13 Summary tuition differential

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