

**THE FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
NOTICE OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY RULE**

RULE TITLE: TUITION, FEE SCHEDULE AND PERCENTAGE OF COST

RULE NO.: 6C5-ER-03-96 (6C5-8.001)

SPECIFIC REASONS FOR FINDING AN IMMEDIATE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY, OR WELFARE: On May 27th, 2003, the Florida Legislature enacted the General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2003. The Governor signed the Act into law on June 23, 2003. The Florida legislature authorized the Florida Atlantic University (FAU) Board of Trustees to increase tuition and fees for all students by 8.5% and authorized an increase of an additional 6.5% for out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students. The FAU Board of Trustees must exercise its authority to increase the tuition and fees immediately; otherwise, the University cannot properly perform budgetary planning and administer its budget for the fiscal year that commences July 1, 2003. Consequently, the University must proceed with the rule authorizing the tuition and fee increases on an emergency basis.

REASONS FOR CONCLUDING THAT THE PROCEDURE USED IS FAIR UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES: The Finance and Audit Committee of the FAU Board of Trustees recommended the increases in tuition and fees at its meeting on June 16, 2003. The meeting was publicly noticed and was attended by the Student Government President who is an FAU Trustee. At its June 24, 2003 meeting, the FAU Board of Trustees approved the increases and authorized the University to promulgate an emergency rule to effectuate the increases in a timely manner and to promulgate an amendment to the permanent rule. The FAU Board of Trustees meeting was publicly noticed and was attended by the Student Government President who is an FAU Trustee. Individuals were permitted an opportunity at the meeting to comment on the proposed increases. This rule will be noticed in *The Boca Raton News*, *The Sun-Sentinel*, *The Palm Beach Post* and *The Port St. Lucie News/The Stuart News*, which are newspapers of general circulation in the affected area. The full text of the rule will be posted on FAU's website at www.fau.edu/admin/fiscal/controller/ and will be disseminated by University-wide e-mail sent to current students, staff and faculty. In addition, the full text of the rule will be available upon request to Dennis Crudele, Acting Vice President for Administration, who can be contacted at (561) 297-3266, or via e-mail at crudele@fau.edu. The University will commence development of a permanent rule in the Summer or Fall of 2003.

SUMMARY OF THE RULE: The emergency rule increases the tuition and fees of all FAU students by 8.5% and increases the tuition and fees for out-of-state undergraduate and graduate students by an additional 6.5%.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED EMERGENCY RULE IS: Dennis Crudele, Acting Vice President for Administration, 777 Glades Rd. Boca Raton, FL 33431, (tel.) 561-297-3266.

THE RULE TAKES EFFECT UPON BEING FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE UNLESS A LATER TIME AND DATE IS SPECIFIED IN THE RULE.