Tuesday, January 15, 2013

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FEE ALLOCATION.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Provide approval to increase the CITF allocation from $11,700,000 to $17,512,231.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the June 19, 2012 meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the increase in the Capital Improvement Fee from $4.76 per credit hour to $6.76 per credit hour. The initial allocation for FAU by the Board of Governors staff was estimated to be $11,700,000. The BOG staff issued a revised estimate for the system and FAU’s allocation will be $17,512,231. The Student projects to receive funding include;

Student Union. The existing Student Union was originally constructed in 1972. In order to accommodate the growing student population and demand, this expansion and renovation project is necessary to both update the existing space and provide additional space for student activities and current needs.

The Breezeway. The Breezeway is an iconic element within the Boca Raton Campus, and serves as a major student hub for social gathering and student activities. Constructed in the early 1970’s, this pedestrian spine is in need of major infrastructure repairs and renovations to accommodate the current student needs. The proposed project will create additional covered gathering nodes, enhanced lighting and provide general upgrades to the existing structure.

Recreational Fields, Jupiter Campus. Increased recreational activities at the Jupiter Campus have extended the use of recreational fields after sundown. The installation of field lights will increase the use of the existing fields to accommodate student recreational needs.

This issue was reviewed and approved by the BOT Audit and Finance Committee at their December 13, 2012 meeting.
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Upon approval of the FAU Board of Trustees; and, upon approval by the Board of Governors who will consider this issue at their January 17, 2013 meeting. The Capital Improvement Fee appropriation will be made available July 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Increase in FAU’s Capital Improvement allocation from $11,700,000 to $17,512,231.

Supporting Documentation: SUS Capital Improvement Fee Proposal

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