



Item: AF: A-1

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

SUBJECT: AMEND REGULATION 8.006, WAIVER OF TUITION AND OTHER FEES, AND REPEAL REGULATION 5.004, PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE FREE COURSE ENROLLMENT OF FULL-TIME STATE EMPLOYEES.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of amendments to FAU Regulation 8.006, Waiver of Tuition and Other Fees, and repeal of Regulation 5.004, Procedures Related to the Free Course Enrollment of Full-Time State Employees.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tuition waivers in the State University System are governed by Florida Statute § 1009.26 and Board of Governors Regulation 7.008, each of which identify tuition waivers that are mandatory and those which are authorized at the discretion of the University Board of Trustees. In addition to the waivers specifically identified as mandatory or discretionary, Florida Statute § 1009.26(9) and Regulation 7.008(1) also allow the University Board of Trustees to waive tuition and out-of-state fees for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the university.

As currently written, FAU Regulation 8.006 (2003) contains only a tuition waiver for "sponsored institutes and programs," which is a waiver authorized by Board of Governor's Regulation 7.008(3). Consequently, for all other tuition waivers that are authorized but not mandated by Statute or Regulation, the FAU Board of Trustees should specifically articulate the authority given to the institution to waive tuition. The proposed amendments include language that would give the President, or the Provost, authority to waive tuition as authorized by Florida Statute or Board of Governors Regulation, and for purposes that support and enhance the mission of the University. In order to ensure University accountability, the proposed amendments would also require the University to provide an annual report to the Board of Trustees specifying the purpose, number, and value of all fee waivers granted.

The goals of the proposed amendments are to clarify the authority delegated by the Board of Trustees and to provide the President and Provost with flexibility in the use of tuition waivers as a tool for advancing the University's mission. The amendments will also allow for the repeal of Regulation 5.004, as the waivers articulated in that Regulation will be incorporated into the language of Regulation 8.006, and the operational procedures for implementation of each waiver would be developed and maintained through University or Departmental policies.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

If approved by the Board, the regulation will be amended and effective as of April 9, 2016.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

Supporting Documentation: Text of proposed amended Regulation 8.006 and proposed repeal of Regulation 5.004.

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