

# **PROPOSED TUITION AND FEE POLICIES**

**Florida Board of Governors  
New College, Sarasota  
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# POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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- Reviewed policy recommendations and proposals put forward in the last several years
- Researched other states' and institutions' policies
- Solicited input from universities
- Consulted with Bright Futures and Florida Prepaid program staff

# KEY ASSUMPTIONS

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- **Guaranteed low-cost access to a bachelor degree for Florida resident students**
- **Maximum flexibility for institutions consistent with that guarantee**
- **Incentives for students to progress through system quickly and efficiently**
- **Policies support strategic plan**

# **POLICY #1: CEILING ON COMBINED TUITION AND FEES FOR RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATES**

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- **Institutional discretion to charge less but not more**

## **POLICY #2: DISCRETION OVER MIX OF TUITION AND FEES BELOW CEILING**

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- **Same level of General Revenue funding provided to each university for each undergraduate student, regardless of tuition and fees charged**
- **Financial aid fee will increase to 5% of the total Tuition and Fees; the minimal level of capital improvement and building fees will be the level charged in 2004-05**
- **Few restrictions on “tuition” and “fee” if both are under resident undergraduate ceiling**

# **POLICY #3: 25% TUITION AND FEE SURCHARGE FOR HOURS BEYOND 110% OF REQUIREMENTS**

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- **No impact on Bright Futures or Prepaid College plan**
- **Moderate level of surcharge with low threshold (few exceptions) for imposition.**
- **25% at 110% policy is similar to North Carolina's**
- **High enough to provide incentive, but low enough to be affordable for students with good reasons to take additional credit—double majors, minors, professional enhancement, last minute change of major, etc...**

## **POLICY #3: EXCEPTIONS**

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- **Relatively few, since surcharge is moderate (not punitive)**
- **Credit taken outside CC/SUS/FRAG and high school acceleration credit**
- **Critical teacher shortage areas**

# POLICY #4: BLOCK TUITION AND FEES

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- Universities must implement block tuition policy.
- Model policy is preferred, but not required.



# **POLICY #4: BLOCK TUITION AND FEES MODEL POLICY**

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- **Block rate for 9 or more credits based on 15 credit rate. (If lower level is set at 12, many students taking 12 may drop to 9-11.)**
- **Students who take fewer than 30 fall/spring can make up at the same institution at no cost during summer**
- **\$100 fee for course withdrawals in excess of one per year**
- **Bright Futures eligibility reduced by 15 credits per term regardless of number actually taken.**

# **POLICY #5: DISCRETION TO SET TUITION AND FEES FOR MANY STUDENTS**

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- **No restrictions on university tuition and fees for graduate and professional students, nonresident students, non-degree-seeking students**
- **Flexibility to set tuition by program, campus, instructional method, schedule, etc.**

# **POLICY #6: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TUITION POLICY**

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- **Ensures that tuition policy is linked to strategic plan**
- **Mechanism to track and hold boards of trustees accountable for tuition policy choices**

# FUTURE POLICY DIRECTIONS

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- **Tuition policy will be critical to the strategic plan**
- **Tuition policy alone will not be enough**
- **Need creative ways to use limited resources more efficiently and to fund growth where growth is needed**