



## Athletics Fee Proposal

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### State University System of Florida Current Student-Athletic Fees (2009-2010)

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>CURRENT FEE</u>
FGCU	\$15.54/CREDIT
FIU	\$14.51/CREDIT + \$10 FLAT FEE
FAU	\$14.30/CREDIT
UWF	\$14.22/CREDIT
UNF	\$13.36/CREDIT
UCF	\$12.68/CREDIT
USF	\$11.76/CREDIT + \$10 FLAT FEE
FAMU	\$11.30/CREDIT
FSU	\$6.77/CREDIT
NC	\$3.72/CREDIT
UF	\$1.90/CREDIT

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## Executive Summary

### Background

A member of the Sun Belt Conference, Florida Atlantic University sponsors 18 NCAA Division I sports involving 500 student athletes. FAU Owls teams compete in football, basketball, baseball, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, cross country, volleyball, cheer, and dance, winning more than 20 conference championships in recent years. In men's soccer, the FAU team holds membership in the Mid-American Conference.

In 2007, FAU's seven-year-old football team became the youngest in NCAA history to reach and win a bowl game. One year later, the team brought home another stunning victory by winning a second bowl game, providing convincing evidence of its rapid maturation. FAU's softball team, one of the best in the nation, has won 10 conference titles. For the most up-to-date information on intercollegiate sports at FAU, visit [www.fausports.com](http://www.fausports.com).

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is among the most distinctive universities in the United States in terms of student demographics and diversity, number of campuses, and community college partnerships. Over the past five years, FAU has added a significant number of new athletic programs and support facilities to assure competitive programs. A review of athletic programs at FAU reveals a continuation of this excellence will require additional funding to assure that scholarship dollars are available and that student athletes can remain in school.

### Proposal

To increase the Student Athletic Fee, legislatively approved 15 percent, by \$2.15 to \$16.45 per credit hour.

### Projected Revenue

This increase will generate approximately \$1,055,650 additional revenue for 2010-11.

### Proposed Expenditures

Currently, all students are charged an Athletics Fee for each credit hour in which they are registered. The current fee is \$14.30 per credit hour and the recommended increase is to offset the continued increases in a variety of areas including: tuition, fees, room, board and books, summer school, medical insurance, conference mandated travel, baggage/gas fees, game related expenses (officials, EMT, police at Lockhart, etc.), contracted salaries/fringe benefit rate and the FY 10 athletics fee shortfall for scholarships.

## Anticipated Usage of Athletic Fee Increase

Proposed Fee Increase

\$1,055,650

— Approx. 491,000 credit hours

EXPENSES	CURRENT ALLOCATION	PROJECTED ALLOCATION	DIFFERENCE
1. Scholarships	\$3,843,746	\$4,266,174	
Men's Scholarships			\$205,785
Women's Scholarships			\$216,643
Tuition (15%), Fees (?), Room (6%), Board (?), Books (?)			
2. Summer School	\$296,254	\$396,254	\$100,000
Graduation, eligibility, season preparation			
3. Women's Swimming Scholarship			\$ 25,000
Women's Swimming, women's basketball, volleyball, women's cc/track, women's golf, women's tennis, men's tennis, men's golf, men's swimming and men's soccer scholarship budgets were cut and this is the first phase of bringing them back up			
4. Medical Insurance	\$191,000	\$335,000	\$144,000
Purchase more insurance due to the economic times and the parents no longer carry insurance			
5. Team Travel	\$1,515,499	\$1,678,142	\$162,643
Baggage Fees/Gas			\$ 25,000
Sun Belt Conference scheduled games as well as airlines now charging more for checked baggage and carry on			
6. Game Officials	\$231,643	\$257,335	\$ 25,692
Sun belt has provided each institution w/the approved fee increases for the next three years (this increase for FY 11 only)			
7. Contracted Salaries/ Fringe Benefit Rate	\$1,748,055	\$1,869,898	\$121,843
8. FY 10 Athletics Fee Shortfall			\$ 35,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,061,606</b>